

University Senate Governance Council
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
3:00pm – 4:30pm
UNH 306

Zina Lawrence, Senate Vice Chair

MINUTES

Meeting began at 3:00

Approval of minutes: 7 in favor, 2 abstentions

Chair's Report:

Zina Lawrence reiterated shared that communication with the Senate is a priority. Website updates are coming and will be finalized shortly.

She stated that as Senators, and as GOV, it is important for members to share information back with their communities, and to urge the administration to share information more widely – perhaps as a resolution. Three examples are: commencement, academic calendar, and the workforce planning committee. On the latter there was a lack of transparency and a lack of engagement with the faculty and staff. (Question asked if Senate approval required for any or all of the new policies and groups)

In response to the proposed elimination of holidays off from the academic calendar, I met with a policy development group as the Senate representative. One outcome is a possible Senate Forum on Religious Diversity and Tolerance

Committee Reports:

Committee on Assessment of Governance & Consultation

Virginia Eubanks shared that the group recently reviewed a series of questions and suggestions from the President's Office. The questions were approved and the Qualtrics surveys have been tested.

Anticipated Schedule: Announcement Date 10/29, Release Date 11/5, Reminder Date 11/12, Close Date 11/19.

Committee on Liason & Elections

Zina announced the Jerusalem Rivera-Wilson was nominated to take the open Professional Faculty seat on UPPC. The call for open seat nominations was reiterated to Council members

New Business:

Working Group on Contingent Concerns

Virginia Eubanks gave an overview of the working group's origins and how it became housed in GOV. The group is charged with generating parameters for receiving and deliberating on contingent faculty concerns and providing a recommendation for a permanent structure to the Senate in May 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.