

Governance Council
Monday, May 12, 2016
2:45 PM
UNH 306

Jim Collins, Chair

Minutes

PRESENT: Collins, Jim; Cruz, Jose; Gulatee, Yenisel; Janiszewski, Caitlin; Kressner, Ilka; Malavasic, Jolene; Moslehi, Roxana; Moore, Chris; Reinhold, Karin

The meeting convened at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 18th were unanimously approved, with a minor change.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Collins reviewed his report, submitted as follows:

1. Since April 18 continued working on Senate Elections for new Senate, for Vice Chair (April 25), for Secretary and Council Rosters (April 25 and May 9), for new Council Chairs (10 Councils and Committees called to meetings, May 10-13, 8 Councils & Committees meet as of tomorrow at 10:30AM)
2. On April 4 & 20, I attended meetings of the Implementation Working Group on Benefits and Compensation (for Contingent Academic Employees). Governance needs to decide nominees from CPCA and CAA on Implementation Working Groups on Pathways to Permanence and Professional Environment; old business.
3. Today, May 12, 2016, Senate leaders met with Chief of Staff Wirkkula, Provost Stellar, and VP for Institutional Research to discuss a Senate role in review and evaluation of administrative units
 - a. Administrative review of Deans:
 - i. Governance Council designee to serve on Review Committee, 2-3 reviews per year, input on questions in review process;
 - ii. Extensive review, very limited reporting, restricted to process
 - b. Institutional Review of Administrative Units, (e.g. aligning program goals with strategic goals)
 - i. Partner with University Senate to have one of its Councils assess the assessment (Like CAA does for academic unit assessments)
 - ii. Have Governance or CAA or UPPC as member of Assessment Advisory Committee (overview on Administrative Unit Assessment)
4. May 9, I attended Executive Committee of UUP. Their Academic Concerns Committee has prepared additional reports on adequacy of information about RTP process across University. Their LM Negotiation Team working with Administration to improve access to information by candidates. They will bring the Ombudsperson for RTP resolution back to Senate in the Fall for consideration by Governance & CPCA.
5. Pending item: Report on survey of shared governance (I work with Karin)
6. Pending item: Resolution on Graduate Student Representation
7. Pending item: Senate representatives to Pathways to Permanence and Professional Environment Working Groups.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assessment

Chair Reinhold summarized further progress on the survey summary report to be posted on the Senate website and discussed scheduling an Assessment Committee meeting the following week, and to then finalize the report over the summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Implementation Working Groups, Contingent Panel

Elections and Liaisons Chair/Senate Secretary Gulatee shared the latest working Senate council roster, noting pending changes. GOV recommended 3 members of CPCA to serve on the Pathways to Permanence Working Group. In addition, Senator Cruz expressed interest in serving on CPCA, representing Rockefeller College. Chair Collins and Secretary Gulatee would follow up. GOV recommended 2 members of CAA to serve on the Professional Environment Working Group.

Graduate Student Resolution & Charter Amendment

Senator Janiszewski reviewed the above proposals with GOV. After discussion, a motion was made that the GSA Resolution was ready to go to the Senate floor for a vote, with the following voting results: 9 Approved; 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained

The Resolution would need to go to the Senate 10 days prior to its first meeting in the fall semester. The corresponding Charter Amendment would be further considered by GOV and would need to be ready should the Senate approved the Resolution.

Allocating council members for campus-wide nominations

Chair Collins suggested that GOV consider in the fall which of its members would be responsible for thinking about volunteer representation to fill ongoing nominee requests for service from different administrative bodies.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Kat Slye, 2015-16 GSA President, was introduced to GOV as the likely GSA representative for the 2016-17 academic year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Elisa Lopez, Recorder