

Governance Council
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
2:45 PM
UNH 306

Karin Reinhold, Chair

Minutes

PRESENT: Earle, Keith; Herrmann, Susan; Kressner, Ilka; Moore, Chris; Petry, Greta;
Poehlmann, Christian; Reinhold, Karin; Schmidt, John; Slye, Katherine

The meeting convened at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 12th were approved, with minor changes and 5 abstentions.
The minutes of June 15th were approved, with minor changes and 6 abstentions.
The minutes of September 7th were approved, with minor changes and 3 abstentions.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Reinhold would meet with Chief of Staff Wirkkula regarding the CAFFECOR freedom of information policy update. Though there was not an existing master list of committee memberships, there was a list of volunteers willing to serve on the Senate which would be made available to GOV members. Some people on that list may have already been tapped. The Chair thanked those members who had suggested nominees to serve on the Campus Recreation Board. The Chair reminded that she serves as Senate representative on the University Council and provided an overview of the Council's September 15th meeting. Topics included a visit and farewell to former President Jones, updates on the presidential search process, the University Development Fund and UAlbany Foundation, and on the Albany Law and UAlbany partnership, this Fall being the first semester of Albany Law students attending as UAlbany students.

The Chair noted that interim President Stellar is very open to regular meetings with Senate leadership. Topics of their September 23rd meeting included the following: an upcoming Critical Conversations forum on the role of the Humanities and Social Sciences; shared governance assessment involvement; evaluation of Deans; Bruce Szelest's plans to update the website; restructuring of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion; report on the Survey of Governance and Consultation, to take place at the October Senate meeting. Chair Reinhold underlined that the nomination process for the presidential search would run 10/5 – 10/12, and the vote would run 10/17-10/21. She then reviewed committee membership and timelines, noting information would be available on the search website. She informed that two departments have not nominated their senators and requested help to remind departments of the importance of representation in the Senate. Chair Reinhold commented that they had discussed the potential fallout of the huge debt resulting from Kalayeros's alleged actions and his suspension by SUNY at the meeting with

interim President Stellar earlier that day. The Chair added that the Chancellor search is underway.

GOV member Chris Moore provided another overview on how to access the shared GOV OneDrive folder.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Reinhold noted tasks for both subcommittees. Membership was determined as follows:

Elections and Liaisons – Earle, Keith; Herrmann, Susan; Moore, Chris; Poehlmann, Christian (chair); Slye, Katherine

Assessment – Kressner, Ilka; Nowell, Greg; Petry, Greta (chair); Schmidt, John

GOV members were to consider member nominations for the remaining 2016-17 groups on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Broad representation in presidential search committee

Members discussed proposed recommendations for the voting process. Chair Reinhold would draft GOV's recommendation after further discussion via e-mail the following day.

b. Scope of Consultation

GOV debated if actions within departments always rise to the Senate level and discussed mechanisms for transparency to ensure faculty have been consulted.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to table the final item on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Elisa Lopez, Recorder