

**Governance Council Year End Report  
2013-2014**

**Governance Council Members**

A&C	Business	Education	Hum & Soc Science	Science & Health	Library	Professional Staff	Administration
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Below is a list of the charges presented to the Council in September, 2013 and the actions taken and/or recommendations for next year. Priority should be given to charges 4 & 11 for 2014-2015.

Charge	Action
1. In conjunction with the <b>Election Council</b> , determine who will run the May meeting (the Executive Board should obviously not lead the meeting) and revisit election procedures for May Senate Meeting.	The Council worked in concert with the Elections Council to draft appropriate resolutions. Two resolutions were presented to the Executive Committee. No further action was taken.
2. Examine guidelines for Faculty and Professional Staff Committee and make recommendations. Special concerns: (6) what is reasonable notice and as needed basis (3) possibly remove (as defined by Robert's Rules) (7) remove 'act upon' since Senate can't act on anything—only make recommendations (2) change 'membership' to attendees since includes Parliamentarian and invited guests. Should meetings of this committee be restricted to personnel and/or legal issues (reflecting NJ Sunshine Law) or for any reason? Those who can call a special meeting must reflect the By-Laws. Please let the Senate Executive Council know if you need to present any changes to the full Senate, and a time will be schedule for you to do so.	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee finds this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.
3. Determine an appropriate definition of public – the University community or a wider audience – with regard to minutes of Senate meetings.	This charge was discussed. No conclusions reached, no action taken. If the Executive Committee believes this is still a concern, then this is recommended as a charge for next year.
4. Review the criteria for earning emeritus status, the process by which individuals are nominated, and the length of time that a professor should be at WP to qualify for emeritus status and make recommendations to the Senate about the policy if necessary.	This charge is in progress. Council reviewed Board of Trustees policy and rules regarding emeritus status in the public universities/colleges across the state and discussed these issues. The Council recommends this as a charge for continued work next year.
5. Review standing charges for all councils and make recommendations for revisions (avoid redundancy – consider the 2 graduate councils, increase	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee finds this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.

collaboration where necessary).	
6. Review Strategic Plan and determine how Council can align itself and work with the implementation teams.	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee believes this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.
7. Delineate the role of the Faculty Senate in University governance.	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee finds this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.
8. Review the various governance statements.	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee finds this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.
9. Recommend patterns of and responsibilities for self-governance by colleges, schools, institutes, divisions and faculties.	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee finds this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.
10. Review the Policy Manual periodically and suggest policies that need to be reviewed, revised and/or updated.	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee finds this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.
11. Review applications for Emeritus/a Status and make recommendations to the Senate.	The Council brought resolutions to the Senate to grant Emeritus/Emerita status to the following: Kaplan, Morganstern, Nalle, Sebetich, Tracy, and Malanga. The resolutions passed.
12. Educate the Senate on the Constitution and By-Laws.	This charge was not taken up by the Council this year. If the Executive Committee finds this to be a continued concern, then this charge is recommended as a charge for next year.
13. Present a resolution to the Faculty Senate with regard to SGA Voting Rights in the Faculty Senate	The Council put forth a resolution for revision of the Faculty Senate By-Laws that gave the SGA representative voting rights. This resolution was defeated.

Respectfully submitted  
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Governance Council  
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