

**SENATE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT – 2009-2010**

Members: Bill Duffy, Claudia Goldstein, Michelle Kowalsky, Maureen Martin (Chair), Cesar Perez, Donna Potacco, Madeleine Rosar, Robert Seal.

I. The following charges directed to the Governance Council by the Executive Council this academic year have been resolved:

- 1. Resolve an ambiguity in the wording of the *Bylaws* in regards to continued membership in Councils for members elected to a two-year term, making it clear that they do not need to reapply for the second year of their term.**
 - Council recommended that the Executive Committee and Vice-Chair be proactive in notifying members of the Senate and of councils of when their term limits are approaching, but decided that this should be a Senate Office routine and did not require a By-Laws amendment. Similarly, when individuals are appointed to councils, etc. they should receive a timely, formal notice from the Senate Office.

- 2. Review and consider the request of the 2008-2009 Graduate Council to divide the Graduate Council into a Council dealing with curriculum and another dealing with administrative policies and procedures.**
 - The Council, with input from the Graduate Council and other affected Councils, decided that the functions of the Graduate Council should be split between two Councils--a Graduate Programs Council and a Graduate Policies Council. A resolution to that effect was brought to the Senate, and passed.

- 3. Review the functions of the all current Councils and determine whether there are areas not being served or, conversely, functions or activities no longer appropriate or needed.**
 - The Council decided that the Athletics Council, which has not met for several years, should be abolished, and a resolution to that effect was brought to the Senate, and passed.
 - The Council decided that technology was not being adequately addressed in the current council structure, and that a Technology Council was required. A resolution to that effect was brought to the Senate, and passed.

- 4. Review and recommend the request of the Research Council to be renamed Research and Scholarship Council.**
 - The Council brought a resolution to the Senate to change the name of the Research Council to the Research and Scholarship Council. The resolution passed.

- 5. Standing Charge: “Delineate the role of the Faculty Senate in University governance.”**
 - The Council brought a resolution to the Senate to change the name of the GE Council to the UCC Council. The resolution passed.

- 6. Standing Charge: Review applications for Emeritus/Emerita status and make recommendation”s to the Senate.”**
 - The Council brought a resolution to the Senate to grant Emeritus status to Dr Arnold Speert. The resolution passed.

II. The following charges directed to the Governance Council by the Executive Council this academic year are in progress and/or are recommended activities for next year:

I. Review the process for selecting liaisons to the Board of Trustees' committees and align it with the process for naming members of Senate Councils.

- The Council reviewed the liaison selection process and agreed that the process should not be the same as that used to appoint Senate Council members. The Council should consider documenting the procedure in the Bylaws or Constitution.

2. Standing Charge: "Review applications for Emeritus/a Status and make recommendations to the Senate."

- An application for Emeritus Status for Dr Arvin Ghosh has been tabled until next year, as information on Dr Ghosh's teaching and service to the university was still being gathered.

Respectfully submitted
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