

**SENATE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT – 2008-2009**

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

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

- ✓ The following Emeritus/Emerita Resolutions were successfully passed through the Senate.
 - ✓ Dr. Martin Hahn
 - ✓ Dr. Rosanne Martorella
 - ✓ Dr. Louis Rivela
 - ✓ Dr. Cho Kin Leung

Standing Charge: “Review the various governance statements.”

- ✓ In response to questions in the Senate regarding departmental procedure for emeritus/emmerita nomination, an amendment of the Emerita/Emeritus Bylaw description was recommended to the Senate. The resolution, which calls for the department to provide the exact vote on the nomination, passed the Senate.

Charge: “Work with the Elections Council to resolve questions regarding voting procedures, the scheduling of elections, and emergency back-up voting procedures.”

- ✓ Finished last year.

Charge: “Resolve a slight inconsistency in the wording of the charges of the Graduate and Undergraduate councils in the By-Laws (f,ii and g, ii)..”

- ✓ Wording of Graduate Council’s Bylaw description was made consistent with that of the Undergraduate Council’s description. The bylaw edit was approved by both the Governance Council and Senate.

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.

Charge: “Work with Research Council to add Research and Scholarship Day to the Standing Charges of the Research Council in the Bylaws.”

- ✓ Research Council is discussing this charge internally. It was noted that Governance input may be needed next year.

Standing Charge: “Delineate the role of the Faculty Senate in University Governance.”

- ✓ The Senate’s technology discussions and the reports of the Senate Ad Hoc Technology Committee were discussed. In order to determine whether a Technology Council should be established, a meeting with this committee’s Chair was scheduled, but subsequently cancelled due to schedule conflicts. It is recommended that Governance meet with former Ad Hoc Technology Committee Chair next year to discuss that committee’s findings and recommendations and determine whether further Senate action is recommended.
- In response to dissatisfaction in the Senate regarding the timetable of the Academic Plan, a resolution was brought to the Senate recommending that the Academic Plan be discussed with the Senate in a timely fashion and requesting dialogue between Governance and Budgeting and Planning. The resolution was tabled.
 - The Governance Council recommends that the resolution be brought again to the consideration of the Council and possibly to the Senate in the following academic year.
 - The Governance Council recommends that the Planning and Budget Council and the Governance Council work next year to more clearly delineate the proper role of Planning and Budget in the overall planning of the university.

III. The following charge previously directed to the Governance Council by the Executive Council was resolved and requires follow-up by the Executive Committee.

Charge: “Consult with the Union regarding the status of its actions regarding a motion to include Faculty representation (defined to include Librarians and Professional Staff) on the Board of Trustees. If their efforts have ceased, consider presenting an appropriate resolution to the Senate.”

- ✓ A resolution recommending Faculty representation on the Board of Trustees was passed by the Governance Council and the Senate.
 - It is recommended that the Executive Committee follow up on this matter with the President.

IV. Additional Recommendation

- The Governance Council recommends that the Vice-Chair of the Senate and the Governance Council clarify the procedures regarding continuing council members. Do council members with multi-year terms need to reapply for their second year?

Respectfully Submitted,
Governance Council
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