

Governance Council
April 11, 2018
Minutes

Present: G. Marks, K. Martus, L. Dean, S. Godar, P. Jackson

1.G. Marks and K. Martus announced that the Constitution Amendment Removal of Emeritus was approved by the Faculty Senate on March 27, 2018.

2. G. Marks presented a proposal that outlined the procedures for amending the By-Laws. Currently, the Senate By-Laws does not have a procedure for amending the By-Laws. Along with the proposal, G. Marks also included a rationale explaining that the Senate By-Laws should have a procedure for amending them. Sections I and III of this proposal mirror the rules already laid out in the Senate Constitution. Section II is the only section that is new and does not mirror what is currently in the Senate Constitution.

3. The committee approved the proposal.

4. The committee next discussed the procedure for constituting the DFRAC committee when there are fewer than 3 people in a given department, which would necessitate an appointment of a tenured faculty member outside of the relevant department. The Senate requested that the Governance Council formalize a procedure to be added to the Senate By-Laws.

5. After a thorough discussion, the committee concluded its review of the request submitted by the Faculty Senate Executive committee. The committee agreed that it cannot do anything with DFRAC and that any action should first be negotiated through the Union. The Governance Council will submit its findings and recommendations to the Executive Committee.

6. The committee brought up for brief discussion S. Godar's suggestion to dissolve the Governance Council initially broached in September 2017. No decision was put forth by this standing committee.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe Jackson