

Minutes of the Governance Council  
Sept. 20, 2017

Present: Dean, Godar, Guerrieri, Jackson, Marks, Martus, Prado

1. Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, Peter Griswold, came to the meeting to go over the standing charges for the Governance Council. Members introduced themselves.
2. The council, along with Griswold, discussed the additional charges, specifically the charge to have the council “review policies and procedures that govern how Faculty Senate actions are processed and transmitted to the next administrative level.” Godar and Martus mentioned that several prior Executive committees were provided with an Excel spreadsheet that showed the progress/transmission of programs through the system. We recommend that the current Executive committee request that the same be provided.
3. There was some discussion about having an annual recognition celebration/day for people who have retired since their emeritus resolutions will no longer be read in the Faculty Senate.
4. After Griswold left, Marks and Martus were voted to be co-chairs of the council for this academic year, 2017-18.
5. There was discussion about the current standing charges for the council. Godar suggested that we evaluate the need for the continued existence of this Council due to the lack of relevance of its Standing Charges. The council will continue to look at and discuss the charges for their next meeting.
6. The council members also looked at the by-laws online and reviewed the constitution to see what changes need to be made to these documents with regards to the new emeritus policy.
7. Martus will make the necessary changes to the Senate by-laws with regards to the new BOT emeritus policy for the council to review at its next meeting.
8. Marks will come up with a process/methodology to amend the by-laws. Though by default that procedure is covered by Roberts Rules, the council, nonetheless, would like to consider possibly including it in the by-laws. The council will discuss this matter at its next meeting.
9. The next Governance Council meeting was set for Oct. 25, 2017 at 12:30-1:45 in the meeting room of the Faculty Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Jackson