

Year-End Report

1. **Council:** Governance Council

2. **Academic Year:** 2016-2017

3. **Council Members:** Phoebe Jackson, LaShauna Dean, Bill Duffy, Pam Volchuk, Susan Godar, Gina Guerrieri, Bhanu Chauhan, Loretta McLaughlin-Vignier

4. **Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities** (please list the council's charges - both standing charges and charges for that particular academic year - and describe any significant discussion/progress related to each charge):

- In the fall, we presented a newly revised Recommendations to BOT on revising emeritus policy (Presented 10/11/16). That policy was rejected by senate, which passed their own version the next meeting. In the meantime the BOT passed their own version of a policy for emeritus status, which superseded the Faculty Senate version. Their version came out in February 3, 2017. It will be effective as of July 1, 2017.
- The council also recently drafted two new resolutions to change the Faculty Senate By-laws and Constitution, which in effect abolish the role of the Governance Council in the emeritus process. These resolutions were initially presented on March 28, 2017. The By-Laws resolution was presented to the Faculty Senate on April 25, 2017 for a vote. The vote on the resolution was tabled until the Senate can get further clarification on the wording in the BOT guides: "in good standing."
- Both resolutions to delete the role of the Governance Council in the Senate By-Law and Constitution will be presented in the next academic year, 2017-2018.
- Over the course of the academic year, the Governance Council has approved 10 emeritus applications/documents.

5. **Recommended Charges For The Next Academic Year:**

(1) Delineate the role of the Faculty Senate in University governance. (See item 4 above).

(2) Review the various governance statements. (See item 4 above).

(3) Recommend patterns of and responsibilities for self-governance by colleges, schools, institutes, divisions and faculties. (See item 4 above).

(4) Review the Policy Manual periodically and suggest policies that need to be reviewed, revised and/or updated. (See item 4 above).

(5) Review applications for Emeritus/a Status and make recommendations to the Senate. (See item 4 above).

*This standing charge will no longer be applicable for the Governance Council.

(6) Educate the Senate on the Constitution and By-Laws. The Governance Council did not take up this charge this academic year.