

## Year End report

1. Council: Governance Council
2. Academic Year: 2017-2018
3. Council Members: Phoebe Jackson, Lashauna [Dean](#), Susan Godar, Gina Guerrieri, Venkat Sharma, Johanna Prado, Kevin Martus (Co-Chair), Gary Marks (Co-Chair)
4. Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities
  - a. Standing Charges:
    - i. Delineate the role of the Faculty Senate in University governance.
    - ii. Review the various governance statements.
    - iii. Recommend patterns of and responsibilities for self-governance by colleges, schools, institutes, divisions and faculties.
    - iv. Review the Policy Manual periodically and suggest policies that need to be reviewed, revised and/or updated.
    - v. (NEW) Review proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate By-Laws and Constitution. To provide guidance to the Faculty Senate in the interpretation of proposals and amendment procedures. To maintain accurate records of Faculty Senate Governing documents, including historical records outlining all amendments and alterations.
  - b. Activities
    - i. Proposed [and presented to the Faculty Senate the](#) By-Law and Constitution amendments related to alteration of Emeritus Status based upon Board of Trustees Policies enacted Feb 2017.
    - ii. At Executive Committee request, reviewed election policies and researched potential policies related to term limits for UPC, UFRAC, Promotions, Sabbatical, and ART committees. Council submitted findings to Executive Committee.
    - iii. At the request of the Executive Committee, reviewed and researched potential policies and procedures related to constituting DFRAC and DPC committees when there are fewer than 3 eligible faculty members in a department. The council submitted findings to the Executive committee.
    - iv. The council spent considerable time discussing and formulating procedures for amending the Faculty senate by-laws. There is no outlined procedure currently in place. The council presented a proposal to the faculty senate, but given the timing and importance of this process the proposal was set aside and will be resubmitted in the Fall 2018 semester.
5. Recommended Charges for the next academic year:
  - a. Submit proposal to amend By-Laws to include a procedure for future amendments
  - b. Review Senate By-Laws and Council Charges to insure alignment
  - c. Review Council manuals/documents and recommend policies or procedures for their approval or accessibility
  - d. Review Senate Governing Documents and recommend amendments or updates as necessary