

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026

Present: Joseph Fera, Sarah Ohmer, David Hyman, Susan Markens, Amy White, Joseph Quiñones, Mariama Barry, Oluwabusayomi Owoaje, David Manier (guest)

1. Minutes from November 13, 2025 were approved.
2. Student Nominations to Fill Committee Vacancies were approved.
3. Fill Vacancy on UCC (Term exp. 6/27). Governance Committee nominated Prof. Julie Maybee.
4. Committee Faculty Elections
 - a. Suggested Timeline: March 9th – March 23rd
 - b. Suggested timeline approved, nominations will be announced at February and March Senate meetings.
5. Governance Documents
 - a. What are the governance documents
 - i. General faculty, FP&B, SGA, Senate
 - ii. Discussed the role of Governance Committee in relation to GF, SGA, FP&B: Governance Committee is a standing committee of the Senate, and is the committee that brings other governance documents to the Senate for approval.
 - iii. Briefly discussed the “governance structure” document available on Senate website (attached)
 - b. Discussed Senate Governance bylaws change: Composition of the Senate - given the new departments, possibly have more at-large positions.
 - c. Goals: educate the community on the shared governance and roles that different governing bodies can play on campus.
 - d. Created a shared folder with governance structure document, and word version of it, to be able to comment and review by next Governance meeting:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qb7wYItDxm1pktSo3KhVmGwVcdrqh8jD?usp=drive_link