

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

March 24, 2020

Present: Joe Fera, Amanda Sisselman-Borgia, Marie Marianetti, Quameisha Moreno, Duane Tananbaum, Susan Markens, Anne Rice, Sumana Ali

1. Minutes from February were approved.
2. Committee Nomination Slate: Postponement

The governance committee will work to prepare the slate of nominations for committees in the April meeting.

3. Presidential Search Committee Plans

The senate faculty members via the governance committee need to elect 3 tenured faculty members for this committee by April 24th. The process is still going forward as planned as per Gladys Muldoon. Governance will determine the process, tenured faculty can be nominated, and the senate will vote on the nominations as per the bylaws. A draft letter has been approved by the governance committee to go to faculty from Joe and Anne (as chair of General Faculty) regarding the process for selection on the search committee. Joe will present this draft to Bridget Barbara to make sure it is legally appropriate and will then the letter will be sent out, once approved.

Qualtrics will be used for voting. Process will be confidential but not anonymous, similarly to how things have been done previously. Kate Burt will help as a special elections consultant to the governance committee. We will try to keep the process as close to that of the "at large" election process as possible, so faculty are familiar with the process/system. Kate will work with Joe to work out how to make the process as easy as possible, including making sure that no one can vote for the same person more than once (for the three available slots). Kate will also get a full list of faculty to send the voting link to.

4. May Meeting Plans & Possible Contingency

The college will be holding a mock virtual senate meeting on April 1st in order to prepare for the May meeting. The official April meeting was canceled, but will be used for a mock session to be sure that all online and virtual processes are prepared for the actual meeting. An email will go out to senators soon. Governance committee will put together a tight agenda for May and will include critical issues that need to be addressed before the end of the academic year. Agenda will start with the critical committee reports (those that require senate action) and then President Lemons can address the senate following these reports. Informational items can be posted and do not need to be formally presented. A critical list of activities will be sent to senators to prepare for the meeting in advance, such as logging into zoom, using the microphone (muting and unmuting), displaying their name, and use of chat window for voting.



5. Other Business

Students were advised that they should reach out to faculty if they need assistance and that they should encourage other students to reach out with any needs.