

Governance Committee Meeting

September 21, 2020

Meeting Conducted on Zoom

Present: Joseph Fera, Anne Rice, Marie Marianetti, Peter Nwosu, Nadine Zerphey, Sumana Ali, Amanda Sisselman-Borgia, Susan Markens, Duane Tananbaum, Sandra Campeanu

1. May 4, 2020 Meeting minutes were approved with two minor adjustments – Nadine Zerphey is missing from the attendance and we will add that the meeting was done on zoom.
2. Joe Fera was nominated to be the Chair of the Governance Committee, accepted, and elected. Amanda Sisselman-Borgia was nominated to be the Secretary of the Governance Committee, accepted, and elected.
3. Nominations for Standing Committee Faculty Vacancies

Graduate Studies committee recommended **Liat Sieger** and the governance committee agrees to nominate Liat for the replacement of Diana Almodovar.

After discussion with the senate parliamentarian, the governance committee agrees that the ad-hoc Academic Assessment Council replacements, both of whom are administrative members, (Vincent Prohaska and Jonathan Gagliardi) should be appointed by the president.

4. CAEAS Admissions

Sandra Campeanu joined the meeting to discuss a new mandate by CUNY to remove SAT scores from admissions criteria. New criteria is due to CUNY central by Oct 1st but the next senate meeting is Oct 7th. Sandra inquired about faculty governance and involvement with this tight deadline. The CAEAS committee drafted new criteria but the CAEAS committee requested guidance on how to manage faculty governance process. The CAEAS committee will present the criteria they have drafted to CUNY central with the caveat that it must still pass through the Lehman Senate. Once the senate provides feedback, this will be provided to CUNY central. This will be brought to the floor by CAEAS on Oct 7th as a resolution and CAEAS will explain the major issues involved.

The report and index for admissions developed by CAEAS will be sent out early for members of the senate to read before the meeting so that they have as much time as possible to review.

5. Senate Bylaws Revisions & AAC Addition

The ad-hoc assessment council should be added into the bylaws, as per middle states review. This may need to wait until the governance committee finishes the review of the by laws revision.

There were other objections from the floor at the last in person senate meeting in March 2020.



A special meeting of the governance committee as well as a special meeting of senate should be held to deal specifically with the bylaws revisions and this may be best to be held in person. This might mean waiting until covid restrictions are eased.

Joe will make a statement at the senate meeting to announce that we do not plan to make any final decisions regarding bylaws revisions while we are working remotely. Joe will also announce that the governance committee will hold meetings to discuss revisions and anyone who would like to provide input will be invited to join us.

6. Meeting Dates for the remainder of the semester

- a. Monday October 19th at 1pm
- b. Monday November 16th at 12:15pm
- c. Tuesday January 19th at 1-2:30pm
- d. Wednesday January 20th at 1pm

7. A question from Penny Prince was raised about the drop with a refund deadline. The governance committee does not have any jurisdiction over these dates, so this will not go in front of the senate through the governance committee.