

Governance Committee Minutes

September 12, 2019

Present: Joseph Fera, Susan Markens, Provost Peter Nwosu, Amanda Sisselman-Borgia, Marie Marianetti, Anne Rice, Jose Acevedo, Sumana Ali, Duane Tananbaum, Quameisha Moreno

1. Minutes accepted with minor revisions from prior meeting
2. Discussion re nominations for replacements on committees -- process discussed
3 faculty vacancies – Jennifer Collett will be nominated to replace vacancy on Campus life and facilities committee. Diana (need last name) will be nominated to replace grad studies committee member going on leave for 1 year, and Natasha Nurse will be nominated to serve on the library, technology, and telecommunications committee. Joe will reach out to all to be sure they agree to serve.
3. COACHE survey results -- only goes out to FT faculty – there has been a committee assigned to address the results. Vinny Prohaska presented initial results to this committee and they will begin their work soon. Results were generally positive and we will become involved as governance committee once the committee delegated to address the survey results begins to look at results and address responses to any minor issues that came up.
4. Scheduling for remainder of Fall semester: Meeting dates -- Oct 16th, nov 14, and Dec 4 – all 1:15 to 2:15. Marie will work with Joe to reserve room.
5. Concerns re: clarification of policies and procedures for committees and chairs re senate reports. Discussion re possibility of developing an orientation for new chairs. Joe and Duane will set up a time to meet with Chairs to go over policies and procedures to ensure all rules are followed correctly, i.e., reports being sent ahead of time to be posted for senate meeting and regular meeting schedules.
6. Discussion re clarification re nominations for students on standing committees – Provost will follow up with Melissa Kirk to determine how Deans and Faculty want to deal with nominations. There was a discussion about this last year and Provost will follow up to find out where things left off and clarify.
7. Duane is working on updating the college senate bylaws. The number of students representing the student body will be clarified as the bylaws are updated. There was clarification that a student can self-nominate if they would like to be on a senate committee.
8. Provost Nwosu discussed the SGIP initiative and possibility for senate endorsement. Procedures for requesting endorsement from senate were discussed and clarified. The SGIP will lay the foundation for the next 50 years at Lehman. Conversations with a hired consultant will begin later in September. This comes out of the self-study for middle states and relates to Lehman's future ability to sustain itself going into the future.
9. Goals for this academic year for the governance committee as follows:

1. Revision of bylaws documents – Duane expects to have a draft for the Oct meeting
2. Resolution of list serv guidelines – Library, technology, and telecommunications committee is finalizing a draft.
3. Issues of space – process for suggesting that campus life committee address this including parking and campus classroom space
4. CUNY is doing away with proficiency exams/index – addressing how this will impact Lehman/role of Governance committee

Submitted by Amanda Sisselman-Borgia

Next meeting October 16th at 1:15