



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

Present: Joseph Fera, Sarah Ohmer, Susan Markens, Hsien Tseng Wang, Rabab Abi-Hanna, Oswaldo Sanchez, Jermaine Wright, Kyla Guese, David Manier (guest)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Committee Elections. Joseph Fera was elected Chair, Sarah Ohmer was elected Secretary.
3. UCC Faculty Vacancy
 - a. Committee nominated James Mahon to fill faculty vacancy.
4. Student Vacancies on Standing Committees
 - a. Committee approved student slate of student representatives to standing committees.
5. Renovation of Carman Hall
 - a. Reviewed impact on Senate and Shared Governance
 - b. Reviewed options to include students, faculty, chairs, senators in college-wide decisions in this particular case, and other decisions moving forward.
6. Committee Agenda for AY 2026-2027
 - a. Adjustments to Senate Meeting agenda to address going over time.
 - b. Senate Composition (number of at-large Senators)
 - c. Review Governance Documents
 - d. Renovation of Carman Hall (impact on Senate and Shared Governance) and creating a subcommittee to review how shared governance was a part of decision-making and could be a part of decision-making moving forward
 - e. Educate the community on the shared governance and roles that different governing bodies play on campus.