

Faculty Senate Governance Council  
Annual Report, 2015-2016

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I. The following charges directed to the Governance Council by the Executive Council for the academic year, 2015-16 have been resolved.

**1. Review applications for Faculty Emeritus/Emerita status and make recommendations to the Senate.**

Between September 2015 and April 2016, the Governance Council received a total of 14 nominations for Emeritus/Emerita status. The Governance Council approved 12 of the nominations and sent Emeritus Resolutions for those candidates to Faculty Senate, which were later approved. One application was denied because it had not been 15-years since the retirement date. One application will be reviewed in the Fall 2016.

**2. Review criteria for earning Emeritus status, the process by which individuals are nominated, and the length of time that professor should be at WP to qualify for emeritus status and make recommendations.**

The Governance Committee sent two documents to the Faculty Senate with regards to the issue of Emeritus status: Revised [By-laws](#) for nomination of Emeritus/a; and Governance Council [Recommendations](#). Faculty Senate reviewed the documents at several sessions and had the following concerns: 1) There was no formal appeal process; and 2) The Senate felt strongly that the voice of the retiree's department should be heard and should not be able to be by-passed entirely. The Governance Council made changes to reflect Senate concerns.

The revisions were again discussed during the Fall 2015 . The Faculty Senate voted to table the revisions at the November 10, 2015 meeting and it was not discussed in the Spring 2016. It should be on the agenda for the academic year, 2016-17.

**3. Create a new permanent Senate Council: An Administrator Evaluation Council that is responsible for the entire evaluation process of administrators.**

The Governance Council presented the new by-laws for the Administrator Assessment Council in a [document](#) at Faculty Senate on December 8, 2015, which was approved. A second viewing and approval took place on January 26, 2016.

**4. Work with the Provost to review the appropriateness of adding ex-officio members to the UCC, Undergraduate and Graduate Programs Council.**

The Council discussed that meetings are always open therefore ex-officio members can attend. The Council recommended that members of the Registrar's office be invited to all meetings of the UCC and Undergraduate councils.

**5. Discuss the expanded size of the UCC to determine whether the current size should be permanent.**

The Governance Council discussed the implications of having two representatives from each college, which would double the size of the the UCC. The Council voted to keep the current size of the UCC.

Respectfully submitted,  
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