

Minutes of the Governance Council

October 7, 2015

Members present: Chauhan, Dean, Duffy, Godar, Jackson, Lorenz, McLaughlin-Vignier, Vovchuk

1. Jackson and Dean were unanimously elected co-chairs for the 2015-2016 academic year.
2. Nicole Magaldi formally presented the Governance Council's charges for the 2015-2016 academic year and briefly discussed the rationale behind each charge.
3. The Council discussed the Emeritus resolution that was returned from the Senate. The main objections of the Senate were:
 - Erosion of shared governance by bypassing the Faculty Senate
 - Desire to hear about their colleagues' achievements
 - Lack of appeal process

Jackson also pointed out that there was no specific criteria list in the resolution to indicate the standards on which to evaluate a person's Emeritus application.

Jackson presented edits to the policy to address the lack of a criteria list and the Senate's objections.

The Council voted to change the window for nomination from five years after retirement to three, with an additional six months if the applicant wishes to appeal directly to the Governance Council. Specifically, the new language will read:

[A] The individual is nominated by the retiree's department. Only faculty who have actually worked with the retiree may participate in the nomination process. When voting to recommend the candidate, the department should consider the research, teaching, and service.

[B] If the department declines to nominate the retiree within three years of the official date of retirement, the retiree may self-nominate to the Governance Council within six months, with the same documentation.

Other minor edits to the policy were accepted and Jackson will circulate the revised policy to the Council for review. The Council will discuss the policy again at the next meeting.

4. The Council discussed the Emeritus application of candidate A. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Duffy agreed to prepare a draft Emeritus resolution for candidate B for discussion at the next meeting.

6. The next meeting of the Governance Council will be held on Wednesday, October 21 in the Paterson Room of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vovchuk