

**Governance Council Year End Report
2012-2013**

Governance Council Members

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Below is a list of the charges presented to the Council in September, 2012 and the actions taken and/or recommendations for next year.

Charge	Action
Review applications for Emeritus/Emerita status and make recommendations to the Senate.	The Council brought resolutions to the Senate to grant Emeritus/Emerita status to the following: Dr. Sandra DeYoung, Dr. Linda Dye, Dr. Jay Ludwig, Dr. Barbara Parker, Dr. Orlando Saa, and Dr. Barry Silverstein. The resolutions passed. The Council awaits further information about two additional nominees.
Develop a simple application guidelines and form with relevant information for applications for professor emeritus which will then be posted on Senate webpage.	This charge is in progress. Council reviewed Board of Trustees policy and rules regarding emeritus status and worked on a draft document with nomination guidelines. The charge is recommended as an activity for next year.
Clarify election procedures as outlined in the Senate By-Laws and Roberts Rules of Order.	The Council worked in concert with the Elections Council to draft a resolution. The resolution was brought before the Senate. No action was taken.
Review standing charges for all councils and make recommendations for revisions (avoid redundancy, increase collaboration where necessary, etc.).	This charge is recommended as an activity for next year.
Determine an appropriate definition for 'reasonable notice'; suggest change of language for 'act upon' to make recommendation to the Senate with regard to the Faculty/Professional Staff Committee description and charges for incorporation into By-Laws.	This charge is recommended as an activity for next year.
Determine an appropriate definition of public—the University community or a wider audience—with regard to minutes of Senate meetings.	This charge is recommended as an activity for next year.
Review Strategic Plan and determine how Council can align itself and work with the implementation teams.	This charge is recommended as an activity for next year.
Review the length of time that a professor should be at WP to qualify for emeritus status and make recommendation.	The Council began discussion of this and recommends further discussion next year.