

Minutes of the Governance Council

November 4, 2015

Members present: Chauhan, Dean, Duffy, Godar, Jackson, Lorenz, Vovchuk

1. The minutes from the October 21 meeting were approved.
2. Jackson and Dean reported on the Senate's reaction to the proposed changes to Emeritus Status. In particular, the Senate expressed the following concerns:
  - There was no formal appeal process
  - The Senate felt strongly that the voice of the retiree's department should be heard and should not be able to be bypassed entirely

The Council discussed many options for phrasing and decided to modify the language as follows:

**2. Self-nomination:**

**a. If the department does not nominate the retiree within three years of the official date of retirement, the department must send forth a letter to the Senate Executive Committee indicating that the department chooses not to nominate the retiree.**

**b. The Executive committee will inform the retiree of the department's decision, at which point the retiree has six months in which to self-nominate.**

**c. The retiree needs to submit the same documents as listed in 1 d, along with three letters of support from tenured faculty, to the Executive Committee.**

Jackson will re-write for proposal at the next Senate meeting.

3. The Council discussed Candidate A's Emeritus nomination and the possible ramifications of the Council not putting forward a nomination when the retiree's department has supported it. Godar volunteered to write a draft resolution that will be voted on at the next meeting.
4. The Council discussed and approved Emeritus nominations for candidates C, D, E, F, and G.
  - Chauhan will draft a resolution for candidate C
  - Dean will draft a resolution for candidate D
  - Vovchuk will draft a resolution for candidate E
  - Lorenz will draft a resolution for candidate F
  - Jackson will draft a resolution for candidate G

All draft resolutions will be submitted via email to Jackson and Dean by November 18. Jackson will then circulate all draft resolutions for review and edits before presenting them to the Senate.

5. The next meeting of the Governance Council will be on Wednesday, December 2 in the Paterson Room of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vovchuk