

Minutes of the Governance Council

December 11, 2014

Members present: Chauhan, Duffy, Jackson, Lorenz, Malu, Nagaraj, Vovchuk

1. The minutes from the November 6 meeting were approved.
2. Duffy presented a summary of the Council's recommendations on Emeritus status to date and what points remain up for debate.
3. The Council recommended that Emeritus/a have the "ability to participate in relevant meetings and events only upon express invitation of the University or department."
4. The Council discussed the nomination processes of other institutions, for consideration when drafting recommendations.
 - a. WPU is the ONLY institution that involves the Faculty Senate in the Emeritus process. The Council discussed the pros and cons of removing the Faculty Senate from the process, and will recommend to the Senate that the Senate no longer be involved.
 - b. The Council discussed whether a nomination originating in the department should be the only way to achieve Emeritus status. An edit was made to end of the recommendations that the President can recommend that the Board of Trustees make appropriate exceptions to the Emeritus policy, thereby creating another avenue for being awarded Emeritus status.
 - c. Duffy will work the wording into the established formatting of Policy 9 and create a draft for the next meeting.
5. In January, the Council will review the charges given to different Senate Councils for overlap and redundancy.
6. The next meeting of the Governance Council is set for Wednesday, January 28, at 12:30 PM in the Paterson Room of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vovchuk