

# GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

Present: Joseph Fera, Anne Rice, Sarah Ohmer, Susan Markens, Aryeh Kalb.

Guests: Bridget Barbara.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2022 meeting.
  - a. Minutes approved
2. Elections
  - a. Approval of Elections timeline
    - i. Timeline was approved
  - b. Upcoming At-Large Elections
    - i. President has guaranteed financial support for the upcoming at-large elections and Prof. Kate Burt has graciously agreed to assist. IT will also provide assistance.
  - c. The committee discussed dates for the standing committees and future edits to the nominations solicitation letter.
3. Bylaws Revisions
  - a. The Governance Committee discussed comments made by the UCC and Graduate Studies with regards to their committees' functions in the bylaws. In particular, the following function common to both committees' functions: *Maintains the stipulated principle that no undergraduate course shall be dropped from the curriculum of the College without prior reference to the Committee and the relevant department as required by the Bylaws of the CUNY Board of Trustees.*
  - b. UCC has requested an increase in the number of members of their committee, increasing total members by three- two faculty members and one additional student. Governance Committee raised concerns that approving the request may result in requests from other committees, raising concerns about equity. Governance has requested further justification from UCC before taking a vote on the issue. In order to further evaluate the request, Prof. Fera will reach out to UCC and pose the following questions:
    - i. What event has occurred to necessitate the increase in members? Is this a temporary need based on addition of new members?
    - ii. How are members currently compensated for their work on UCC? Are course releases being given to faculty involved in UCC work?
    - iii. How would the selection of the new members occur?

4. Student Government Vacancies

- a. Mr. Kalb forwarded the nominees to the committee via email and those nominees were approved.

5. Doodle Poll For March, April, and May Meetings

Minutes by: Bridget "I hate Doing Minutes" Barbera