

T-FSC Governance Committee
2017- 2018 Year End Report

Over the 2017-2018 Academic Year, the T-FSC Governance Committee took on the following substantive initiatives:

1) Resolution on Faculty Representation on the NYU Board of Trustees

The T-FSC Governance Committee, working in conjunction with the Student Senators Council and the C-FCC Governance Committee, introduced a resolution to the University Senate requesting Faculty Representation on the NYU Board of Trustees. The resolution, along with related ones from the SSC and C-FSC, passed the Senate.

2) Application of Principles of Shared Governance Survey Analysis and Report

Analysis of the T-FSC- and C-FSC-generated survey administered last year was completed and a lengthy report was drafted. However, issues of confidentiality raised by the C-FSC have delayed its distribution to the wider faculty. We will continue working to resolve this issue with the C-FSC so that this report can be shared with the faculty.

3) General Disciplinary Regulations in the Faculty Handbook

It had been brought to the attention of the T-FSC Governance Committee that the language regarding “General Disciplinary Regulations” in the Faculty Handbook is overly broad and vague and, perhaps, needs to be re-considered and re-drafted. (Identical language exists in handbooks as far back as 1972) Upon examination, the Governance Committee found phrases such as “Disciplinary action may also follow when the faculty member engages in *other conduct unbecoming a member of the faculty*” with qualifiers “such as” and including “any other conduct *prejudicial to the teaching, research or welfare of the University, and so forth.*” to be, yes, overly broad and vague, and in need of re-working. Recognizing the purview of the TFC-Grievance Committee, we have asked them to look over the relevant passages and offer their opinions and advice. This issue will be taken up again in the Fall of 2018