

T-FSC Governance Committee
Meeting September 25, 2017
Minutes

Meeting came to order at 1:00pm. Present: Sylvain Cappell, Stephen Duncombe (co-chair), Bob Shapley (co-chair), Jim Uleman

Old Business

1) Principles of Shared Governance Survey.

Results from our university-wide survey at the end of last semester on the local application of Principles of Shared Governance are in...and need to be analyzed.

Action: Jim graciously, and with great enthusiasm, volunteered to do so.

2) Council Resolution on Faculty Representation on Board of Directors

Last year the T-FSC passed a resolution to include faculty members on the Board of Directors. WE now need to introduce this resolution to the Senate. We want to have this coincide with the Students' and C-FSC's similar resolutions.

We also discussed what action we wanted the Senate to take and agreed we are asking them to forward our resolution (and hopefully the students' and FSC's) directly to the BoT so as not to get held up/bogged down in a Senate subcommittee tasked with revisions and consolidations.

Action: Steve will reach out to both Student Council and C-FSC to determine the status of their efforts.

New Business

We also discussed what pro-active measures we might take as a committee this year. We decided upon:

3) Joint Meeting with C-FSC and Student governance committees.

Action: to be scheduled

4) Review of faculty handbook policy on advisory committee for faculty grievances.

Faculty input above the school level is currently limited only to tenure cases. Should we press for more?

Action: Committee members will review relevant sections of the faculty handbook before next meeting and we will discuss. See Faculty Handbook pp. 39 and 48-50

<http://www.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyu/provost/documents/facultyHandbook/8.1.17FacultyHandbookCLEAN.pdf>

5) Exploratory Overview of University Governance and Alternatives

Concerned that the current governing structure of the university does not adequately represent faculty views and voices, we've decided to take on a year-long exploration of current university governance and possible alternative models. The end result will not be a finished report rather a possible justification for, and outline of, a study that might be done in the future.

Action: To continue discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

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