

T-FSC Governance Committee Report on Current Activities

November 11, 2022

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The T-FSC Governance Committee is reviewing revisions to NYU's Bylaws and the Faculty Handbook that have been proposed by the Office of the Provost. Of more than 500 proposed revisions, roughly half directly affect tenured and tenure-track faculty. The Governance Committee will submit a report to the T-FSC detailing its recommendations regarding the proposed changes.

Minutes of the Meeting of the T-FSC Governance Committee

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The meeting was convened over Zoom at 8:50 am.

In attendance:

David Grier (FAS)

Ed Rock (LAW)

1. Composition of the Committee

David Irving (Chair of T-FSC) proposed Grier to serve as Chair of the Committee. After a brief discussion, this was agreed upon. This decision can be revisited at a future meeting.

Some members of the Committee have not responded to emailed requests for their participation. Given the pressing nature of the Committee's assignment, those members will be polled for their availability and possible alternate members identified with the goal of ensuring representation from the affected Schools of the University.

2. Charge to the Committee

The Committee will review revisions to the University Bylaws and the Faculty Handbook that have been proposed by the Office of the Provost and will prepare a report to T-FSC on its recommendations. The Committee Report will be discussed at the December 15 meeting of the T-FSC, and so must be delivered in advance of that date.

3. First Impressions

The proposed revisions include substantial changes to NYU's policies and practices in areas of considerable concern to tenured and tenure track faculty, most notably pertaining to job security and academic freedom. There is a need, therefore, to provide the T-FSC with an analysis that will inform the T-FSC response to the Provost.

4. Plan of Action

To better understand the goals and implementation of the proposed changes, the Committee will request a meeting with representatives of the group that drafted the proposed changes, presumably from the Office of the Provost or the Office of General Counsel. This meeting ideally will take place during the week of November 28.

In preparation for the meeting, the Committee will develop a draft or outline document highlighting areas of concern. This document will provide a framework for the planned discussion.

The Committee will draft its Report to the T-FSC following the planned meeting, with the goal of delivering the document to the Chair of the T-FSC no later than Monday, December 12.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am