

**William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils**  
**Year-End Report**

**Academic Year 2021-2022**

**1. Council: Governance Council**

**2. Council Members:** Fanny Lauby [COHSS-2022], Ellen Pozzi [COE-2023], Gary Marks [LIB-2023](Co-Chair), Elizabeth Galetz [CSH-2022](Co-Chair), Solomon Nyaanga [COB-2022], Diana Peck [COAC-2022], Venkat Sharma [ADMIN-2022], Johanna Prado [PS-2023], Chester Verceglia [ADJ-2023]

**New rep for COAHSS Term 2022-24 (Lauby & Peck both stepping down)**

**New rep for CSH 2022-24 (Galetz is stepping down)**

**3. Council Charges and Summary of Activities:**

Standing Charges:

1. Delineate the role of the Faculty Senate in University governance.
2. Review the various governance statements.
3. Recommend patterns of and responsibilities for self-governance by colleges, schools, institutes, divisions and faculties.
4. Review the Policy Manual periodically and suggest policies that need to be reviewed, revised and/or updated.
5. Review proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate By-Laws and Constitution. To provide guidance to the Faculty Senate in the interpretation of proposals and amendment procedures. To maintain accurate records of Faculty Senate Governing documents, including historical records outlining all amendments and alterations.

Priority Charges for AY 2021-2022:

1. Plan and execute Open Forums for the University community to discuss Faculty Senate Representation.
2. Continue to review and research various models of Faculty Senate representation.
3. Draft Constitutional amendment to align Ex-officio Senators with current existing roles (SGA representation needs to be updated).
4. Recommend a workflow procedure for Constitutional Amendment approval from Office of the President and Board of Trustees.

2021-2022 Summary of Activities:

The Governance Council accomplished all of the AY 2021-22 Priority Charges. In response to Priority charge #1, in November of 2021 the Council held 2 virtual forums to discuss Senate Representation with minimal participation from the University community. The council also developed a representation survey to coincide with the forums. Responses to the survey were also minimal and the Council submitted a comprehensive report to the Senate ([GC Report on Senate Representation Forums Surveys.pdf](#)).

The council continued to review representation models and respond to Senate inquiries related to representation as per Priority charge #2.

The council met with members of the Student Government Association and collaborated to draft a Constitution amendment to update the SGA ex-officio student representative role on the Faculty Senate. The amendment was presented and approved by the Senate and is awaiting approval of the President and BOT ([Constitutional Amendment Student ExOfficio.pdf](#)).

In response to Priority Charge #4, the council drafted a new Constitutional Amendment template which includes a procedural outline of all necessary steps to conclude the Constitutional Amendment process ([GC Recommendation for ConstAmendProcedure.pdf](#)). The template was submitted to the Senate Executive Committee for consideration and the Council is currently awaiting guidance from the SEC if the template should become a part of the official procedure for Constitutional Amendments.

The Council reviewed a proposed amendment by the SEC on Senate Representation (Standing Charge #5). The Council conducted an extensive review of the proposal and provided the SEC with a detailed outline of impact the proposal would have on existing Senate Governance documents as well as other university policies.

**5. Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:**

1. Follow up with the SEC on outstanding Constitution Amendments (**list of outstanding amendments is available here** [Amendments Outstanding 3 4 22](#)).
2. Conclude Council charges alignment review.
3. Assess the need for handbooks or manuals for existing Senate Councils and the Senate Executive Committee to ensure continuity.
4. Ensure the Senate returns to keeping Council records and documents and publishing them on the Senate website.

**6. Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year:**

Have the Senate review Governance documents and seek input from the Governance Council on operational and structural Senate needs.