

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

MARCH 25, 2009

Present: Duffy, Martin, Potacco, Rosar

1. The Council was updated on the Governance Council's discussion at the Council Chair luncheon, attended by Potacco and Duffy March 12th. In reference to the Academic Plan resolution, which was tabled by the Senate, Duffy asked Bill Matthews, Chair of Planning and Budget, whether he believed that the Academic Plan should be an issue for his council to consider. Matthews said "possibly". This confirmed for Potacco and Duffy that the issue requires further discussion in the future.
2. A draft version of the Governance Council Annual Report for 2008-2009 was presented by Potacco. The Council carefully reviewed the document, modifying and clarifying a number of points. Pursuant to the discussion, related in point #1, above a new paragraph regarding the tabled Academic Plan resolution was added under the heading: Delineate the role of the Faculty Senate in University governance. It calls on the Executive Committee to charge the Governance Council and the Planning and Budget Council to work together next year to clarify the role of Planning and Budget in the overall planning process of the University.
3. Unless the Executive Committee sends a last-minute Emeritus/a nomination in the next week or two, this is likely to be the last formal meeting of the Governance Council for 2008-2009. Any nominations received too late to be considered for the last Board of Trustees meeting before Graduation will be held until the Fall.
4. Potacco reminded the members of the Council that they should respond to Vice-Chair Finnegan's forthcoming e-mail regarding service on Senate Council during the upcoming academic year. Confusion over the procedures for filling council slots – are there truly multi-year terms, or must those wishing to continue re-apply each year – caused the Governance Council to add an Additional Recommendation to the Annual Report.
5. The revised draft of the Annual Report was approved unanimously by all in attendance. [Potacco distributed the revised draft by e-mail to the entire Council membership, which gave its final approval without further alteration.]

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Duffy
March 29, 2009