

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2024

Present: Joseph Fera, Pamela Mills, Judith Massis-Sanchez (Guest), David Hyman, Susan Markens, Amy White, Rouguiatou Diallo, Sarah Ohmer, Joseph Quinones

1. Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2024

[moved to go over minutes at the end of the meeting]
2. Quick Follow-Up: Committee Website Blurbs
Motion passes to approve the website descriptions with modification made to UCC description to match GC description
3. Spring Elections
 - a. Committee Vacancies & At-Large Elections
Gave an overview of the at-large senator nomination & election process
 - b. Timeline: Nomination/Election For Both
Note: In general, the Governance Committee does not present more than one nomination per vacancy. This is left for additional nominations on the floor.
Discuss a timeline for Spring 2025:
 - March 3-17 - Committee solicitation for nominations **online**
 - March Governance meeting: go over slate of nominations **on Zoom**
 - At-large nominations first two weeks of April
 - April 12 – 20 Spring recess**
 - April Governance meeting: Committee slate
 - May Senate meeting: Committee elections
 - Elections for at-large seats first two weeks of May **online**
 - c. Review Last Year's Materials and Edit
4. Follow-Up: Repression of Student's Free Speech
 - a. Subcommittee Report
Subcommittee members shared a draft of information for the Governance Committee members to look over and offer direction/ guidance for the subcommittee, and invited Governance Committee members to join the subcommittee in January. Governance committee members offered direction on further information to collect and add to the subcommittee's findings (ombudsperson's role, possible resolution for an ad hoc committee, charges of the ad hoc committee).

Discussed a timeline for next steps: Meet in January (after Jan 20) to go over the subcommittee's findings; goals: to present something to the Senate in February.

b. PSC Issued Apology

5. January Meeting - Joe will send Doodle Poll for a meeting on Subcommittee findings and ad hoc committee resolution
6. Approval of November Minutes tabled until January meeting.