

Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee Annual Report (2021-2022)
Respectfully Submitted by Kristin Stapleton, Chair

Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee

Charge: This committee shall review, report and recommend to the senate matters concerning amendments to the Charter of the Faculty Senate and to the bylaws of the voting faculty, and matters concerning bylaws, standing orders and special orders of the senate.

Roster: Kristin Stapleton (chair), Jessy Alexander, John Beatty, E. Brooke Lerner, Barbara Prinari, Fred Stoss (ex officio)

Report Date: May 4, 2022

Meeting History: Hour-long meetings were held on January 24, February 14, and March 14, 2022, supplemented with email consultations. Meeting minutes have been posted on the Senate website.

Major Objectives: Investigate whether current practices diverge from practices specified in our governance documents and, if so, either recommend current practices change or recommend changes to governance documents.

Emerging Objectives: Support the work of the Ad-hoc Senate Institutional Review Committee appointed in May 2022; continue to consider ways to align current practices with practices specified in governance document, particularly in regard to election procedure and related matters.

Potential Work Products or Milestones for Completion of Objectives:

We forwarded a resolution to align the meeting times of the Senate and FSEC committee, which was passed by the FSEC committee. We will draft an addition to our governance documents about how SUNY Faculty Senate Resolutions should be handled by the FSEC and Senate.

Timeline for Completion of Objectives:

We expect to present two resolutions amending the Faculty Bylaws and Faculty Senate Charter in Fall 2022 to address a conflict between the two documents regarding consecutive terms for Faculty officers and to address discrepancies in terms used by both documents.

Specific actions requiring FSEC approval: Resolutions to be presented in Fall 2022.

FS Committee General Comments:

The committee expressed the hope that in future the Senate Parliamentarian will join in its meetings and discussions.

FSEC Comments