GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

AGENDA
Dec. 12, 2008
(9:30-10:50 am)

1. Call to order, Introductions (Max)

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

3. Approval of Previous minutes

4. Secretary assignment

5. Follow up items to the minutes
   (a) EB Items
   (b) Links – to PLAC
   (c)


7. Gov. Docs. Comm. (Skip) - Bylaws changes

8. Dept. and College Review of Governance Docs. (Tom L.)
   (a) URL ‘checklist’ of items for governance document review:


   (b) CDDR unanimously passed a motion for possible inclusion in the Faculty Handbook:

      “All governance documents shall define a quorum for the purpose of holding faculty meetings.”

9. Items assigned to Gov. Co. by EB (& FS) (Max)

   A. Employment Verification – follow up from Senate meeting –
Discuss/seek members for the Task Group for the academic freedom from Senate

Commo. From Clark Ford: Thanks for agreeing to chair an Ad Hoc committee to investigate and draft proposed language for the Faculty Handbook protecting the academic freedom of faculty or potential faculty with respect to the proposed Background Check policy. I would like this committee to consider what language (modification of existing text or new text) may be necessary to have in the handbook so that activities related to academic freedom and other forms of freedom of expression that may show up on background checks or related hiring procedures cannot be used as grounds to disqualify the hiring of faculty or affect other aspects of faculty employment such as compensation or promotion. After considering this issue, I would like this Ad Hoc committee to report their findings and/or proposed handbook changes to the Faculty Senate Governance Council for consideration to be brought forward to the Executive Board and the Faculty Senate.

At the November 4, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting, Leonard Sadosky (History) expressed interest in serving on this committee. Another senator, Annemarie Butler (philosophy) also voiced interest in this issue and may be willing to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. If possible, I would like you to contact these potential members of your committee, and to make recommendations to me to officially appoint these and/or other committee members that you feel will be helpful in completing this charge. Thanks!

10. Old business (all)

11. New Gov. Council Business (all)

12. Next Meeting – Jan. 16?

13. Adjourn