

Report of the Council Bylaws Committee for 2022-23

Membership: Thomas Schmeling (chair), Maureen Reddy, Kemal Saatcioglu.

The Committee met via Zoom twice, once in each semester. The agendas for the 12/16/22 and 4/27/23 meetings are attached. No formal minutes were taken. The Committee also exchanged emails on committee issues in cases where there the issues were minor or there was not sufficient time to arrange a meeting.

In early December, the committee considered a proposal to change the charge and membership of the Mission and Goals Committee. The proposal was scheduled to be considered by the Council Executive Committee in less than one week and, with insufficient time to convene a meeting, the Committee discussed the proposal in email. Several suggestions were incorporated into the draft and the proposal was returned to the Executive Committee. The by-law was subsequently passed by Council on 12/9/22 and approved by a 2/3 vote of Council at the February meeting.

At our December meeting, the Committee considered and prepared a formal version of a proposal to revise the by-law for the Committee on Online Learning (COOL) and forwarded the same to the Executive Committee. This proposal was passed by Council in March and approved by a 2/3 vote of Council at the April meeting.

The Committee also reviewed a proposed change to the by-law for the Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures (CAPP) which was submitted by the CAPP chair. The Committee produced a formal proposal and sent it back to the CAPP chair for comment, but we did not receive a response until April. The proposal was discussed at our April 27 meeting and was forwarded to the Council Chair with the Committee's comments. No further action has been taken on this proposal as of the time this report was prepared.

The Committee discussed several other issues at the December meeting, as indicated on the attached agenda, but no action was taken on these at that time.

In February, the committee completed a revision of the By-laws to incorporate changes to the yB-Laws that were approved that month. The current on-line version of the By-Laws includes these changes.

In March, a proposal to change the by-law for Academic Standing Committee was submitted by Susan Weiss. The proposal was considered by the By-Laws Committee at our meeting on April 27th, and forwarded to the Council Chair with extensive comments and concerns. No further action has been taken on this by-law as of this writing.

As noted last year, the bylaw for the Faculty Research Committee remains out of date and essentially inoperative since the latest the Faculty Contract creates a different Faculty Research Committee that overlaps the Council Committee but whose membership and bylaws are unclear. Several individuals and groups attempted to reconcile the different provisions but were unable to do so. It was eventually determined that the soundest course was to revise and clarify the Contract provisions themselves. We hoped that will happen in 2022-23. However, as of May 2, 2023, the Contract has not been ratified.

Several other issues remain the probably deserve attention. As indicated in the agenda for 12/16/222, he status of COGE should be clarified. If the Student Conduct Board has been replaced by another committee, its by-law should be formally repealed and the committee abolished.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Schmeling, Chair

May 2, 2023

By-Laws Committee
Agenda for meeting of 12/16/22

Incorporation of recently-passed changes into online By-laws

Mission and Goals By-law change passed first vote 12/9/22. 2nd vote in Feb. '23.

ATAC By-law change passed first vote 12/9/22. 2nd vote in Feb. '23.

Student Conduct Board

By Council vote on 12/9/22, the Board's activities will be suspended effective 12/16/23. A proposal should be drafted to repeal the current by-law including a rationale.

COOL

Suzanne Mello-Stark has proposed a by-law change for COOL. See attached.

Faculty Research Committee

Carse Ramos is revising. See attached.

CAPP

Todd Borgerding submitted a proposal for a by-law change. Would have made faculty a minority of voting members. He is reviewing and has not returned it.

COGE

Should we write a by-law establishing COGE as a Council Committee?

Currently:

COGE operates under guidelines in the UCC manual and changeable by a vote of UCC

COGE membership is changeable by a vote of UCC

UCC Exec Comm appoints COGE

UCC Chair and Provost appoint COGE Chair

COGE chair currently sits on UCC Exec Com

What is the relation between COGE and Gen Ed revision?

General Review of By-laws

Update to include name changes of schools, departments, offices, positions.

OER

Dragan Gill has requested an OER Committee. This is quite narrow compared to other committees. Perhaps consider a "Teaching and Learning" committee that brings in OER< OBOM, Study Abroad, etc. (See Committees PDF)

By-Laws Committee
Agenda for meeting of 4/27/23

1. Susan Weiss has submitted a proposal for the Academic Standing Committee, which is attached. I've added my comments.
2. Back in November I was working with Todd Borgerding on a proposal of his for a revision of CAPP. The final version of that is also attached. The agenda I sent to you for our meeting in December says that I had not heard back from him. That was still true until yesterday. In an email yesterday, he said he thought it had gone to Council and been approved! Quite the mix-up. I'm not sure what's going to happen to it now but you should please look it over.