By-Laws and Elections Committee

Final Report
2017-2018

Members:

A. Rosen Brand, Chair (Student Accessibility Services) W. Benfanti (Institutional Advancement), M. Brickhouse (Academic Resource Center), J. Cole (Philosophy & Humanities), J. Cushman (Mathematics), S. Gellin (Engineering Technology), K. Helling (Prof. Staff), L. Klenk (El. Ed. & Reading), M. Lindstrom (Library), R. Park (Academic Support Program), J. Riggie (Library-Info. Systems), D. Sarratori (Weigel H.C.), B. Sherman (Computer Info. Systems), T. Tang (Geography and Planning), K. Williams (Earth Sciences and Science Education)

Charge: The By-Laws and Elections Committee has the responsibility for considering and recommending changes in the By-Laws designed to facilitate the democratic governance of the college, consistent with the policies of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York and other binding legal agreements. In addition, the By-Laws and Elections Committee shall conduct the necessary elections provided for in the By-Laws. The rules for conducting these elections and other germane considerations related to elections shall be recommended to the College Senate by the By-Laws and Elections Committee.

Name of Chair Submitting Report: Amy Rosen-Brand

Anticipated Vacancies in 2018-2019 for Committee Members: 2-4 vacancies anticipated

Approximate Number of Meetings: 9

Annual Report: A smaller subcommittee comprised of Rosen-Brand, Gellin, Cole, Cushman, Barnes, Sarratori, Klenk, Riggie and Brickhouse met throughout the academic year to focus our efforts on a very robust undertaking. Bylaws and Elections has been working on revising the Senate handbook and bylaws for content, clarity and consistency. We are nearing completion of our first draft with revisions. Small technical changes can be made without full Senate review. Larger more significant changes need to be presented by motion to the Senate and possibly to the larger campus community.
We have also briefly discussed dedicating one of the University Faculty Senate seats to be for professionals only. This matter is in the preliminary stages of discussion. There are many logistical concerns, such as the latest UFS senator elected, who happens to be an academic, be allowed to run for reelection for the seat after completion of the first term. If this change is made, it might not be active for 4+ years to accommodate the reelection possibility of the academic. This is by motion to the Senate and campus community vote.

Bylaws and Elections conducted the Student Welfare Chair election and agenda committee student elections during the Senate meeting on 9/8/17. Keyshawn Blakes was elected as the chair of the Student Welfare committee. Kevin Ameyaw was elected at agenda committee member.

Bylaws and Elections conducted the At Large senate election for three seats: two academic seats and one academic or professional staff. Scott Goodman and Ted Schmidt were elected for the academic seats. Josie Adamo was elected for the academic or professional seat. JA is a professional staff member.

Bylaws and Elections conducted the election of the Senate support staff seat, by request of those running this election. Kathrine Morales was elected.

Bylaws and Elections conducted the elections during the May 11, 2018 Caucus. The results are as follows:

Chair of the College Senate 2018-2019: Joseph. J. Marren, MA

Vice Chair of the College Senate for 2018-2019: M. Scott Goodman, PhD

Senate Standing Committee Chairs for 2018-2019

- Academic Plan Committee: David N. Ben-Marre, PhD
- Budget & Staff Allocations Committee: Ted P. Schmidt, PhD
- Bylaws & Elections Committee: Amy Rosen-Brand, JD
- Curriculum Committee: Kimberly A. Kline, PhD
- Faculty & Staff Welfare Committee: Maria B. Brickhouse, MA
- Instruction & Research Committee: Arlea J. Shephard, PhD
- Standards for Students Committee: Amy B. Wilson, PhD
- Student Welfare Committee, Vice Chair: Steve M. Macho, EdD
All other Senate Elections were conducted by their respective constituencies during the spring 2018 semester. The results are as follows:

Elected Senators – 3 Year Terms Commencing 09/01/2018

School of Arts and Humanities Senators:
- Julian C. Cole, PhD (1)
- Marguerite E. Knowles, MFA (2)

School of Education Senators:
- Peter W. Loehr, PhD (2)
- Jie Zhang, PhD (2)

School of Natural and Social Sciences Senators:
- Susan E. Maguire, PhD (1)
- Gregory J. Wadsworth, PhD (1)

School of the Professions Senators:
- Katrina R. Fulcher, PhD (1)
- Kimberly A. Kline, PhD (2)

At Large Senators:
- M. Scott Goodman, PhD (1)
- Ted P. Schmidt, PhD (1)
- Josephine P. Adamo, PhD (1)

Professional Staff Caucus:
- Maria B. Brickhouse, MA (2)
- Amy Rosen-Brand, JD (2)

Support Staff Senator:
- Kathrine R. Morales, AAS (2)

The Bylaws and Elections subcommittee will be working throughout the summer on our revision project.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Rosen-Brand
May 17, 2018