

Bylaws and Elections Committee

Final Report **2019-2020**

Chair: *Julian Cole (SAH-Interim Assoc. Dean)*

Members:

J. Adamo (Academic Commons), A.D. Annas (Comm., TV Film Arts), W. Benfanti (Admin. Liaison), J. Bohonos (Adult Ed.), M. Brickhouse (Academic Center for Excellence), J. Cushman (Mathematics), F. Floss (Economics & Finance), S. Gellin (Ex-officio), C. Hull (Student), L. Klenk (El. Ed. & Reading), J. Riggie (Library-Info. Systems), A. Rosen Brand, Chair (Student Accessibility Services), R. Santa Maria (Comp. Info.), J. Toohey (Theater), C. Vetter (Weigel Wellness Center), B. Winckelmann (IT Serv.)

Charge: *The Bylaws and Elections Committee has the responsibility for considering and recommending changes in the College Faculty Bylaws 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 Bylaws and Elections Committee shall conduct the necessary elections provided for in the Bylaws. The rules for conducting these elections and other germane considerations related to elections shall be recommended to the College Senate by the Bylaws and Elections Committee.*

Name of Chair Submitting Report: *Julian Cole*

Anticipated Vacancies in 2020-2021 for Committee Members:

J. Adamo (Academic Commons)
J. Bohonos (Adult Ed.)
C. Hull (Student)
L. Klenk (El. Ed. & Reading)
C. Vetter (Weigel)

Approximate Number of Meetings:

8

Annual Report: *(work of the committee aside from elections)*

Most of the Committee's time was devoted to working with the President's Office to develop and approve College Faculty Bylaws. For at least two decades, the campus community has been under the false impression that the Bylaws maintained by the Committee are bylaws of the College Senate. That this is not correct was recognized at the beginning of this Academic Year. These bylaws are in fact an amended version of the College Faculty Bylaws adopted in 1977. Since these bylaws were amended without people being clear about what they were doing, they are of questionable legitimacy and contain sections that are contrary to SUNY BOT policy. Thus, it was decided that the College Faculty should adopt fresh Bylaws that are both legitimate and compliant with SUNY BOT policy. The Bylaws that we constructed, which built on work that the Committee had been doing in previous years on revising the current Bylaws, were endorsed by

the College Senate at its March meeting and by the College Faculty in a vote that the Committee administered at the same time as the At-Large and UFS elections. These Bylaws will now continue the process of approval and implementation required by the SUNY BOT.

Bylaws and Elections conducted the Senate Officer elections during its May 8, 2020 Caucus. The results are as follows:

Chair of the College Senate 2020-2021: Bhakti Sharma

Vice Chair of the College Senate for 2020-2021: Heather Maldonado

Senate Standing Committee Chairs for 2020-2021

- **Academic Plan Committee:** Carol DeNysschen
- **Budget & Staff Allocations Committee:** Mark Severson
- **Bylaws & Elections Committee:** Ramona Santa Maria
- **Curriculum Committee:** Meg Knowles
- **Faculty & Staff Welfare Committee:** Maria Brickhouse
- **Instruction & Research Committee:** Kim Kline
- **Standards for Students Committee:** Laura Hill Rao
- **Student Welfare Committee, Vice Chair:** Steve Macho

Bylaws and Elections also conducted elections for two at-large senators, one UFS senator, and one alt-UFS senator during the week of April 20 -24, 2020. The results are as follows:

At-Large Senators: Laura Hill Rao (1)
Colleen Toledano (1)

UFS Senator: Joseph Marren (2)

Alt-UFS Senator: Amy Rosen-Brand

All other Senate Elections were conducted by their respective constituencies during the spring 2020 semester. The results are as follows:

Elected Senators – 3 Year Terms Commencing 08/31/2020

School of Arts and Humanities - 2020-2023

- Tim Bryant, Assistant Professor (1)
- Peter Ramos, Associate Professor (1)

School of Education - 2020-2023

- Steve Macho, Associate Professor (2)
- Angela Patti, Associate Professor (2)

School of Natural and Social Sciences-2020-2023

- Suparna Soni, Assistant Professor (1)

- Kevin Williams, Associate Professor (2)
- Mark Severson, Professor (0)¹

School of the Professions-2020-2023

- Saquib Ahmed, Assistant Professor (1)
- Michael Littman, Business Dept. Chair and Associate Professor (1)

Professional Staff Caucus- 2020-2023

- Kelly Boos (1)
- Andrew Garrity (2)

¹ Senator Severson will complete the final two years of Senator Lazich's term, which ends in 2022; Senator Severson will be eligible to run for two further terms after he completes Senator Lazich's term if he wishes.