

## 2016-2017 Year-End Committee Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Governance Committee
<b>Chair:</b>	Ravi Jagannathan
<b># of Meetings:</b>	3

### **Completed Business and/or Accomplishments**

The Governance Committee began the year with a series of amendments to the Faculty Senate bylaws that had been proposed in the 2015-16 academic year but had not been approved. The committee revised those amendments and reported them to the Senate, where they were approved on in January. In April, the Governance Committee sent a second set of bylaw amendments to the Faculty Senate in order to bring language on the Committee on Cause into agreement with the Faculty Handbook and to make clear how non-Senators can be recognized to address the Senate. Finally, completing a years-long process, the Governance Committee worked with the leadership of the University Libraries and with the Office of the Provost to come to an agreement on how to include librarian faculty in the Senate, which was finalized with a bylaw amendment that the Senate approved in May. Librarian faculty who answer to the Dean of Libraries now have two seats on the Faculty Senate.

### **Unfinished/Continuing Business**

The Governance Committee has no unfinished or continuing business.

### **New Business for Next Year**

The Governance Committee will need to work with the Offices of the Provost and the General Counsel next academic year to craft amendments to the University Statutes and the University Faculty Assembly bylaws. These amendments will include new language that more accurately and inclusively defines membership in the University Faculty Assembly. This language will shift away from the use of the undefined term “regular faculty” and is likely to remove or significantly expand the inclusive list of members of the University Faculty Assembly, which led to the original confusion over the membership of librarian faculty. There will also be several minor amendments that reflect changes in Senate practices over the seven years since the Senate came into existence.