
GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL

Minutes

May 8, 2025

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: AC 229 or Zoom

Present: Emy Bagtas-Carmona, Barbara Bonander, Ryan Byrne, Katherine Hsiaw, Dave King, Melanie Palomino, Emelia Nacos

Absent: Joanna Pinckney

Action Items

1. Agenda for May 8th (Palomino/Hsiaw)
2. Minutes from April 24th (Palomino/Hsiaw)
3. PGS Report (Bonander/Byrne)
 - a. The committee made final revisions to the PGS Evaluation (2024-2025) document.
 - b. There was consensus that the document should be sent to all PGS committees as well as the presidents of each Senate (ASCOM, Classified, Academic) and President Eldridge.
4. GRC Self-Evaluation (Byrne/Bonander)
 - a. The committee made final revisions to the GRC Self-Evaluation (2024-2025) document.
 - b. There was consensus that the document should be sent to College Council and the chairs of each PGS committee.

Discussion Items

1. CourseFest Recap and PGS Recruitment Strategies
 - a. The committee discussed recruitment efforts for PGS, including improving the process for students expressing interest in PGS through the COM website as well as managers taking an active role in recruiting students from their respective areas.
2. Chairs Updates
 - a. The Environmental Action Committee will be assembled and begin meeting in the coming months.
 - b. The Accreditation Steering Committee is still in discussion at the College Council and administrative levels.
 - c. Fall FLEX proposals are due. The committee decided to submit a placeholder proposal for a FLEX week. Details and roles to follow by email.
 - d. PGS assignments for administrators have been distributed to managers. Emy Bagtas-Carmona and Ryan Byrne and will be continuing on GRC.
 - e. The GRC will be say goodbye to four members: Student representatives Katherine Hsiaw and Emelia Nacos will be transferring (congratulations!), faculty representative Barbara

Bonander will be stepping away as she moves toward retirement (more congratulations!), and Dave King will be on sabbatical in the fall but returning to the committee Spring 2026. This leaves two student and two faculty spots to fill for next year, with the hopeful assumption that Melanie Palomino and Joanna Pinckney will continue their work on the committee next year.

3. Future Business for Fall 2025

- a. The committee discussed next year's business as identified in the self-evaluation plan.