

Review of Governance Committee: Adding Past Presiding Chair

Article V. Section A.

Current	Recommendations	Justification
<p>a. The president of the College is the executive officer and chair of the SUNY Cortland Faculty. The elected officers of the faculty shall be the chair of the Senate who is also the presiding officer of the faculty, the vice chair who is also the chair-designate, the secretary and the treasurer.</p>	<p>1. The president of the College is the executive officer and chair of the SUNY Cortland Faculty. The elected officers of the faculty shall be the chair of the Senate who is also the presiding officer of the faculty, the vice chair who is also the chair-designate, the secretary, the treasurer, and the past presiding chair.</p>	<p>There is no formal process in place for the immediate past chair to offer help and advice on items that may cross over from one year to the next. Informally, the past presiding chair is already providing this kind of assistance, but without any kind of guidelines. This will allow there to be a formal position for the past chair and legitimate the presence of the past presiding chair on the steering committee.</p> <p>These positions exist in other SUNY comprehensive colleges (e.g. Geneseo, Brockport, and Oneonta), so there is precedent in place at other similar colleges.</p>

Article V. Section B5.

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b. NA	5. The past presiding chair of the senate shall: a. serve for one year as an advisor to the Chair of the senate to ensure continuity of efforts. b. shall serve as a member of the Senate Steering Committee. c. shall attend senate meetings as a non-voting member upon request of the current chair of the Senate	Upon research of the three colleges above, these are the typical responsibilities of the past presiding officer. The committee thinks it is important to have the past presiding chair at the steering committee to ensure continuity of efforts, but the past presiding chair should only attend senate meetings at the request of the current chair.

Article VI. Section A1.

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<p>The Faculty Senate of the SUNY Cortland faculty shall be composed of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. The four officers of the faculty.</p>	<p>The Faculty Senate of the SUNY Cortland faculty shall be composed of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. The chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer officers.</p>	<p>The past presiding chair should not be a member of the Senate and should only attend full senate meetings at the request of the chair of the Senate.</p>