

# THE FACULTY GOVERNANCE SPECTATOR

## Resolutions Spring 2020

[Resolution That Funding Sources Share Sonoma State University's Inclusive Values](#)

[Resolution Regarding Evaluation of Teaching Performance and RTP Review During the COVID-19 Emergency](#)

[Resolution on the Matter of Laura Alice Watt](#)

[Response to Anti-Black Violence in the US - Fall 20](#)

## At-Large Positions

At-Large positions are an excellent way to dip your toe into faculty governance!

When a school can't fill a seat on a faculty governance committee we can declare the seat At-Large for one year. The following At-Large positions are available:

- Library seat on Overlay Subcommittee
- At-Large for A&H on FSAC

## First Virtual Convocation

On August 17, SSU held its first virtual convocation via Zoom. We had a similar format as in person Convocations, but it was much shorter. Chair Reeder's Speech is posted on the Senate website: <http://senate.sonoma.edu/fall-convocation-speech>



## Faculty Governance Statement regarding meetings during pandemic

All Faculty Governance committees will continue to meet virtually until further notice. We do not see how social distancing can be achieved with any existing Sonoma State meeting rooms for any of our committees. Fortunately, all our committees are already receiving electronic agendas and we have seen more people attend meetings virtually than face to face in the recent past.

Meeting virtually this Spring has not shown any disruption to faculty governance work or activities and we are confident that any issues encountered in the upcoming academic year can be addressed with existing technologies.

As stated above, we do not think committees can meet until the shelter-in-place is lifted or robust COVID-19 treatments are

**Why Serve in Faculty Governance?**

Faculty Governance is the intersection of faculty and the administration for decision making, policy development and shared concerns about the University and its future. As former Chair Richard Senghas said in the *Faculty to Faculty in the Future* video produced for our 50th year: "If we don't participate in decisions, they will be made for us." Service as a leader in governance or on a committee gives you insight into how the campus works, introduces you to faculty outside of your School and brings your special expertise to the table for decisions.

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"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education." — **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

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available or a vaccine is found. We have many faculty on our committees with children and faculty who are themselves in a high risk group. We want our faculty governance members to be safe and healthy.

**Business before the Senate**

The Senate has been busy so far this semester. Meeting virtually on Zoom has also boosted attendance at our meetings! If you would like to attend a Senate meeting, just email [holmstrl@sonoma.edu](mailto:holmstrl@sonoma.edu) for the Zoom URL.

**The following items were approved at the Senate meeting on October 8th.**

A new MA in Early Childhood Education

A revision to the Negotiated Cheating and Plagiarism form

A resolution regarding evaluation of teaching performance and RTP review during the COVID-19 emergency

We have already approved a new BA in Physical Science, which is on its way to the Chancellor's office for final approval.

To learn how business moves through governance check out the Senate website: <http://senate.sonoma.edu/governance/governance-resources>.



The 20-21 Academic Senate Members.