

**FACULTY SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Final Report for 2006-2007**

The opening sentence of last year's final report of the Governance Committee stated, "Throughout the academic year, the Governance Committee (GC) was occupied with issues surrounding the Judicial Review Board (JRB). Many of the issues are longstanding but have remained unresolved for many years." Similarly, many of the resolutions put forth this year from the GC again revolved around the JRB. These included:

1. A Proposed Amendment to Faculty senate Resolution 0623, "Resolution on Proposed Changes to the Grievance Procedure for Faculty" (12 October 2006)
2. Resolution A on Proposed Changes to the Grievance Procedure for Faculty [as amended] (FS 0706; 13 December 2006)
3. [Re-introduction of] Resolution B on Proposed Changes to the Grievance Procedure for Faculty (FS 0707; 14 February 2007)

In fact, the GC has been involved in attempting to restructure the JRB for many years. I believe great strides have been made toward that objective, with significant changes now in place to make the JRB a more workable and relevant body. However, it is a critical obligation of the incoming Faculty Senate, through the Committee on Committees and the Executive Committee, to provide the necessary oversight and direction to ensure that future members of the JRB are as unbiased and apolitical as possible. This will help maintain the integrity of the JRB process and help reestablish the credibility that it deserves and the SIUC community needs.

The GC was also involved in proposing other resolutions, including most recently:

1. Resolution on Guidelines and Procedures for Faculty searches (FS 0713; 10 April 2007)
2. Proposed Revision to the Operating Paper of the Faculty and Faculty Senate (dealing with whether faculty who hold a 50% appointment as administrators are eligible to serve on the Senate).

It has been an active year for the GC. Although there often has been disagreement concerning individual positions taken on various issues we dealt with, debate has always been respectful and interactions collegial. It certainly has been my pleasure to work with the GC this year – Mark Amos, Rob Benford, Sanjeev Kumar, John McIntyre, Gerald Spittler, Peggy Stockdale, Jan Waggoner, and Kevin Wise – and an honor to have served on the Faculty Senate these past three years.

Best regards,
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Chair, Governance Committee