In the past year (2022-2023), the Governance Committee continued its work on appointing a parliamentarian. After much discussion and debate, the Faculty Senate ultimately decided that a parliamentarian was not essential for its meetings to run efficiently and fairly.

The Governance Committee has been involved in discussions regarding school operating papers. It is unclear what role (if any) the Governance Committee should have in the review of school operating papers. It is also unclear what the function of such a review would be: if faculty have approved an operating paper, what would be the purpose of the committee offering further suggestions for revision? This issue appears to be relevant to the next senate.

The Governance Committee invited a guest speaker to give a presentation on faculty and student consensual relationships. Ultimately, this presentation led to the introduction of a resolution for forming an Ad Hoc Committee for the revision of the university’s policy on such relationships.

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