Governance Retreat, August 11, 2025

Informal Meeting of BIPC

Committee membership still in flux. No attendance and regrets recorded.

Javier Francisco (Vice-Chair), Hedy Fraunhofer (Secretary), Maria Gordon, Mehrnaz Khalajhedayati, Veronica Lively, Nadirah Mayweather, Nancy Mizelle, Christine Mutiti, Peter Rosado Flores, Michael Snowden

A. Officer changes:

Due to the departure of our previously elected chair from GCSU, we were informed that we would need to elect a new chair before (or on) September 5 and that some appointed committee roles were still to be filled. Subsequently added/elected by their departments: Matheson Sanchez, Laura Newbern. Via email communications, Hedy Fraunhofer and Maria Gordon were subsequently nominated as chair and secretary for the academic year 2025-2026.

- B. Discussion of committee focus and future initiatives, with the goal of "shap[ing] academic and institutional policy and foster a more collaborative and effective university community" (Governance retreat package). Ideas brought up by committee members:
- Collaboration with FAPC, SAPC (student success), and Staff with a focus on faculty, staff and student well-being (cf. our QEP and strategic plan, Imagine 2030). Review available data concerning the latter?
- Collaboration with Student Disability Resource Center, with a focus on policy.
- Explore existing GCSU policies regarding belonging (senate website, GCSU Strategic Plan, QEP)
- Retention. Review existing related policies?
- Policies related to first-generation students and veterans
- Policies that enhance a sense of community for all. The role of the HUB