Proposed reorganization/restructuring of GFO standing committees
Goals and Summary
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Goals

1. Make faculty service to the campus more efficient
   - reduce total faculty time devoted to governance and campus service
   - eliminate special task forces
   - eliminate duplication of effort
   - eliminate committees and meetings that serve no purpose

2. Make faculty service to the campus more effective
   - involve more faculty in GFO decision making through GFO committees in place of work on special task forces or advisory bodies
   - add functions to GFO (i.e., student relations, strategic planning)
   - delegate more work from EC to GFO committees
   - build on prior strategic planning (e.g., 5-for-5; prior years’ committee reports)

Summary

The Executive Council has approved and recommends to the GFO the restructuring/reorganization of the GFO standing committees. An amendment to the GFO Bylaws is required to implement this proposal.

Like everyone, we have been frustrated by the combination of things:

- observing the increasing service demands on faculty time
- seeing important work that needs to be done but is not through the existing committees
- feeling that real planning for our future needs to be done but is not happening

The Executive Council believes that two key changes must happen to correct these problems:
[1] the important work of the faculty should take place in the GFO committees rather than in the proliferation of special task forces and advisory bodies that have continued to take up more and more faculty time, and
[2] the responsibilities of the GFO committees should align with the most important governance work of the faculty.

These major changes in the proposed amendment are:

1. Eliminate the Academic Affairs Committee (which has been inactive for most of two years)

2. Transform Honors and Ceremonies into the "Student Relations Committee" with a wider range of responsibilities, including policies for admission to UW Bothell and the student conduct code

3. Create a Planning and Budget Committee, whose duties will include advising the EC on academic spending priorities and representing the faculty in facilities planning and facilities use policies and in master planning

4. Assign responsibility for continuing assessment and improvement of salaries to Faculty Affairs

5. "Rationalize" faculty service load by assigning to standing committees a range of duties that currently involve scattered uncoordinated faculty service; e.g., Campus Master Planning, Facilities Use Advisory Committee, scholarship committees, Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee, advisory responsibility for new Office of Research Support, Technology Policy Advisory Group, etc.