

Governance Committee Meeting March 11, 2026

SUMMARY of DISCUSSION

- The Governance Committee is still working to finalize bylaw revisions. Once final, the committee will present them to the full board for feedback, make final edits, and then vote to recommend the revised bylaws for board approval. Darren suggested reviewing board policies at the same time so both bylaws and policy updates can be approved together.
- Key proposed bylaw changes include:
 - Using gender-neutral language throughout (e.g., “themselves/theirs”).
 - Removing Section 2.7 on board vacancies and adding clarifying language elsewhere; legal guidance will be sought regarding situations where the board falls below seven trustees.
 - Allowing remote participants to count toward quorum in accordance with state Open Meeting Law guidance.
 - Clarifying meeting notice requirements (48 hours for regular meetings; “reasonable” notice for emergency meetings).
 - Removing language making the Chair an ex-officio member of all committees and clarifying that invited participants are non-voting guests.
 - Simplifying references to the Executive Director title.
 - Revising language on officer removal and relocating it to the appropriate section.
- Lisa will draft revised language for Section 6.2 describing the duties of the Executive Director.
- The committee discussed the board’s role in approving curriculum. Faculty and administration develop courses, but the board must approve additions to the program of studies to ensure alignment with the school’s charter and mission. The Education Committee may review the program of studies in November with board approval in December.
- Committees should develop charters outlining responsibilities (such as curriculum review for the Education Committee) and set goals aligned with the board’s overall strategy. These topics will also be discussed at the upcoming strategic planning meeting.