TO: Dr. Richard Hough, President
    Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Pat Wentz, Chair
       Governance Committee
DATE: February 2, 2014

Members Present: Kristie Abston, Hedi Salanki-Rubardt, Pat Wentz
Secretary: Carol Settle

(ACTION ITEM)
1. Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee Charter Revision
The Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee submitted a revised Charter for
Faculty Senate review. There are only minor changes relating to clarification of the
language in the Charter.

MOTION and SECOND to APPROVE Charter Revision
VOTE======APPROVED

(ACTION ITEM)
2. UWF Policies on Policies
The Governance Committee was charged to review the University Policy Development
and Issuance Process. The Committee noted that Item #3 Review and Approval
“assigns responsibility to the University President to determine if the policy requires
broader review and if so the policy will then be disseminated to the campus through the
University’s website for review and comment.”

The Committee opined that the statement above assigns the responsibility relating to
policy review to the University President.

MOTION and SECOND to APPROVE the University Policy Development and
Issuance Process
VOTE======APPROVED

(INFORMATION)
3. Revisit UWF Policy Routing Mechanism for Clarification
The Governance Committee was charged to develop a mechanism for the UWF Policy
Review Process. A recommendation was presented to the Faculty Senate in December
and the Faculty Senate approved the recommendation; however when the
Administrative Reactions were presented to the Provost the following response was presented: “The Provost will respond to the Governance Committee recommendation after discussion with the Office of the General Counsel regarding how the proposed changes relate to current procedures, what changes in the current process are required to implement the recommendations, and related issues. The Provost appreciates the desire of the Faculty Senate to take an active role in policy review.”

This item will be TABLED awaiting the outcome of discussions with General Counsel.

(ACTION ITEM)
4. Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws
The Governance Committee was charged to review the Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws and to consider a revision relating to comments during Open Forum.

The Committee referred to the Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws, Section VI.D. which states the following: “A person not a member of the Senate may speak only with the recognition of the presiding officer, or by direction of the Senate.”

The Governance Committee recommended the following revision: “A person not a member of the Senate may speak only with the recognition of the presiding officer, or by direction of the Senate or by recommendation of at least one Senator.”

MOTION and SECOND to revise the Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws Section VI.D.
VOTE======APPROVED

Note: A revision to the Bylaws requires notification and posting of at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which the voting is to take place.