Board Committee Report Governance Committee

Date of Report: October 17, 2021
Written/ Submitted by: Becky Lund (GC Chair)
Date of Last Meeting: October 11, 2021
Date of Next Meeting: November 8, 2021 (beginning at 6:00 pm)

Motion/ Action Items for the Board Meeting:

For the Consent Agenda:

- I. 2nd reading/ potential approval of revised policy NP 101 Board Authority
- II. 2nd reading/ potential approval of revised policy NP 102 Legal Definitions
- III. 1st reading of revised policy NP 201 (Board Role and Responsibilities)
- IV. 1st reading of revised policy NP 202 (Expectations...)
- V. 1st reading of revised policy NP 203 (Board Meetings)

Notes: The recommended changes to policy NP 102 Legal Definitions (to add a definition for "Classical Education" and to remove a reference to the "Principles of Classical Education") was done to bring the policy more in line with current practices that use more than one document to train faculty and to keep the focus on Classical Education rather than one document. The "Principles of Classical Education" document remains an important part of Nova's history.

For the Business Section: N/A

2021-2022 Committee Goals:

Goal	Notes	Due Date/ Complete?
Work with the Executive	2 policies remain to be	June 2022
Director to review and	reviewed from SY2020.	
recommend policies		
that support Nova's	The Governance Committee	
mission.	has reviewed 5 of the 16	
	policies scheduled for this	
	year.	

Provide the 2021 Election Report and conduct the 2022 board election. Implement and update the board training process.	The next steps for the 2022 election will start in January. There was training in August and September at the board meeting.	The Election Report was accepted by the Board at the September meeting. The election is scheduled for April/ May 2022. Ongoing.
Review and recommend updates to Nova's Bylaws.	The Governance Committee is currently thinking of two changes to the Bylaws: 1. Add the Executive Director Review Committee as a standing board committee instead of as an ad hoc committee. 2. Change the position from "Chair Elect" to "Vice Chair" and give the position its own responsibilities (like chairing the ED Review Committee). Along with this, the GC will recommend that the "Vice Chair" position not 'naturally' become the Board Chair as this hasn't always happened in Nova's history and it would allow for potential continuity in this position and in the Board Chair position instead of the expectation that both positions would change every year.	The Governance Committee will continue to look at the Bylaws in November and submit a first (rough) draft to the Board for the November board meeting. This would be for discussion, not approval. The updated Bylaws will be submitted to the Board for approval by May 2022.