Review of Governance Committee

Membership shall be as follows (Article III, Section C1C)

Current	Recommendations	Justification
Student Affairs Committee	Joint Committee on Student Interests	 This encompasses the spirit of the two governing bodies working together in the interest of the students. Supports SUNY Cortland 1st Core Value in the Strategic Plan – Focus on the Students
 One member representing mathematics/sciences One member representing social/behavioral sciences One member representing fine arts/humanities One member representing professional studies One member representing education One member representing library One member representing professionals Two student members 	 One Faculty-At-Large. Two members of the teaching faculty/library. One member from the professional staff. Three members from the Student Senate Representatives to Faculty Senate. 	 This serves multiple purposes. It reduces the number of people who must be recruited for the committee. Reduces the number of Faculty Senate Representatives to the Student Senate from two to one. The representative will now come from the committee Allows streamlined collaboration in when matters that are pertinent to both governing bodies.

Elections (Article 10, Section 1F)

Current		Recommendations		Justification
Offices of the faculty to be filled by election by		Offices of the faculty to be filled by election		The non-student co-chair of the
the voting faculty:		by the voting faculty:		Joint Committee on Student
1.	Vice chair of the Senate and chair	1.	Vice chair of the Senate and chair	Interests would attend steering
	designate.		designate.	committee. Therefore, one of the
2.	Secretary	2.	Secretary	non-chair and non-student members
3.	Treasurer	3.	Treasurer	will be designated as the person
4.	Three or four members each year of the	4.	Three or four members each year of the	who attends Student Senate
	Committee on Committees.		Committee on Committees.	meetings.
5.	Representative and alternate	5.	Representative and alternate	
	representative to the State University		representative to the State University	
	Senate.		Senate.	
6.	Two faculty representatives to the Student	6.	Faculty Senate Chair of the Joint	
	Senate.		Committee on Student Interests.	
7.	Elected representatives of the faculty to	7.	Elected representatives of the faculty to	
	other organizations.		other organizations.	

Duties (Article III, Section C#C)

Current	Recommendation	Justification
1. To consider and recommend to the senate matters related to student policies and procedures, academic services, and other such matters designated to it by the Senate.	1. To consider and recommend to the Faculty and Student Senates, and their committees, matters related to policies and procedures, academic services, and other such matters that directly concern students. Further, this committee may also make recommendations for new policies and procedures, or other such student related matters designated to it by the Faculty or Student Senates.	 Currently, student policies and procedures are governed by a variety of bodies. For example: (1) Student Code of Conduct is a matter of the College Council as are Title 9 compliance issues, (2) policies such as add/drop and academic forgiveness are matters of the Educational Policy committee, (3) the Academic Grievance process is managed by the Provost office. There is no need to overlap work or move work around. What is missing are a joint group from both governing bodies who will work together to address policies and procedures that could help or hinder current or new students.
2. To determine the procedure whereby student concerns are considered by faculty and administration. This procedure is subject to approval of the Senate, and to mandatory review every two years.	2. Work collaboratively to address joint resolutions that pertain to both governing bodies.	1. There have been times recently, such as the food pantry, in which both bodies were asked to vote on similar resolutions. This process would streamline resolutions that pertain to BOTH governing bodies. It would NOT stop the process for either body, but it would allow for each body to give input (this means that SGA could say they are not supporting something, but the faculty senate can still go forward with their vote, and vice-versa). 2. This also allows for faster procedures with regards to resolutions that may be time sensitive.
3. To provide a representative each year from the committee to the Student Senate. This representative will attend all meetings of the Student Senate and serve as liaison to the Faculty Senate regarding issues of mutual concern.	3. The co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Student Interests shall attend all Faculty and Student Senate meetings and report on the work of the governing body they represent. In the event that the chair(s) cannot attend a meeting, they will designate another member of similar classification to appear in their absence.	 I have been the rep to SGA for two years and have not been part of SA committee. We need to remove designation of this position form this committee as we already have it listed separately, i.e. my position. The option to sharing the SGA meeting load will increase representation at SGA meetings from this committee. This will reduce the burden of one person HAVING to work late every other Tuesday, thus providing opportunity for more faculty members to participate.

4.	4. The Joint Committee on Student	1. According to the 2018-2019 chair of the SA committee, this	
	Interests shall be responsible for recruiting	has been their only consistent work over the years. Therefore, it is	
	applicants, reviewing applications, and	important for it to be included as duty of the committee for	
	selecting winners for the Faculty Senate	consistency.	
	and the Faculty Memorial Scholarships.		