

First Unitarian Society of Ithaca Board Resolution Creating Governance Committees
Adopted 08/18/2021

The Board hereby creates a standing committee, the Shared Partnership Governance Committee (hereafter GOVCO).

GOVCO will continually monitor all aspects of partnership governance and make recommendations to the Board to improve our society's governance as appropriate. GOVCO will periodically review the FUSIT Constitution and Bylaws, Board Policy Book and related documents for compliance with partnership governance as defined in Bylaws Article IV Section 8:

- 1) Specifying mission-related human needs to be met, for whom, and at what cost to recipients.
- 2) The boundaries of methods, practices, situations, and conduct within which methods and activities can responsibly be left to staff.
- 3) The manner in which the Board delegates authority and how it evaluates performance relative to ends (#1 above) and limitations (#2 above).
- 4) The manner in which the Board determines its philosophy, its accountability, and the specifics of its own job. GOVCO will
 - help prepare amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and submit recommended changes to the Board and congregation for approval;
 - suggest modifications to the Board Policy Book and submit recommended modifications to the Board for approval; and
 - suggest modifications to other documents as requested by the Board and submit recommended modifications to the Board for approval.

GOVCO is advisory to the Board. Its members and Chair are appointed by the Board. GOVCO may consult with others outside the committee, including the minister, staff and lay leaders, members and friends, professional persons, and the UUA and its regional bodies. GOVCO will provide the Board with regular reports and suggestions for refinement of the scope of work of the committee.