A. Major issues addressed by the committee during the 2014–15 year

1. The committee completed the project of revising the committee's mandate and forwarded it to Governance for review. Governance asked several questions of us (through committee member Jennifer Holberg) to which we responded, after discussion. The most significant inquiry concerns the possibility of making the Media Subcommittee its own governance committee, separate from the Student Life Committee. The committee agrees that this change could benefit the media organizations. The Governance committee did not reach final decisions this year.

2. The committee received reports from Bob Crow and JB Britton regarding the sports organization guidelines and policies endorsed last year. Things seem to be going well, and the committee endorsed updated guidelines for the 2015–16 school year (involves volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, equestrians, women's rugby, men's rugby).

3. A new chartering process was put in place to address the problem of an unsustainable number of student organizations including (1) limiting the chartering period to once per semester and (2) evaluating student organizations according to a new matrix. This resulted in a modest overall reduction (compared to the average of previous years) in the number of student organizations in that several organizations combined with others of similar interests, and the number of new charters granted came down. Funding for student organizations, however, will continue to be a problem, so incentives to reduce their numbers will be ongoing.

4. The media subcommittee interviewed and selected editors for Dialogue and Chimes for the 2015–2016 school year:
   - Anna Delph – Chimes Editor-in-Chief
   - Katelyn Bosch – Chimes online editor
   - Joshua Parks – Chimes print editor
   - Jack Van Allsburg – Dialogue editor

5. The committee received reports from the Appellate Board and a summary for the year: “The Appellate Board heard two student appeals, one related to academic dishonesty and the other to sexual misconduct. In both cases the sanctions were upheld and the appeals were denied.”

B. Actions brought before Faculty Senate

None

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the committee initiated or implemented

1. The budget shortfalls in Student Senate funding resulted in a proposal to cut funding for Dialogue's print edition. The proposal was met with strong opposition from students, particularly those involved with Calvin student media, alumni, and faculty (particularly from the English, Communications, and Art departments). Discussion with interested parties and Student Life representatives was ongoing over the Spring semester, including with the Student Life Committee, which responded to the Student Life VP with recommendations. In a meeting with the Vice President of Student life and all interested parties, the Dialogue editor and advisor presented a proposal to fund the print edition of Dialogue next year while interested parties seek new funding and support (see proposal). The proposal was accepted.

2. Part of the Dialogue proposal includes a recommendation to reorganize the Media Subcommittee to include more representation among the community that supports the work of Dialogue and Chimes and to take a more active role in its continued support and funding. This information will be forwarded for consideration by the Governance committee in its possible restructuring of the Student Life Committee and Media Subcommittee.
D. Issues that will continue to be before the committee next year
   1. See C.2. Governance committee decisions will play a major role in the work of the Student Life Committee in 2015–16. Its roles may change substantially depending on Governance recommendations, particularly as they relate to the Media Subcommittee.
   2. Continuing support of faculty advisors of student organizations with clear expectations and incentives.
   3. Monitoring guidelines for sports organizations and their role in student life.