

Meeting Minutes for the Faculty Senate Rule Committee Meeting

January 20, 2017

Dizney Building Room 142 9am

Called to order at 9 a.m.

In attendance: Karen Martin, Ralph Turner, Jeff Neugebauer, Lisa Kay and Camille Skubik-Peplaski

Committee Co-Chairs: Ralph Turner and Camille Skubik-Peplaski

Committee Secretary: Karen Martin

Pending Charges and actions:

1. Conduct a review of each Faculty Senate committee and report any recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for possible action.

Committee Action: *Committee will share the current procedures (see link below) with Faculty Senate and ask each committee Chair to review and submit any committee specific revisions.*

2. Should admin be able to voice\vote on faculty senate? Provost, Faculty Regent, President, Dean rep?

Committee Action: *Committee members discussed this issue based on findings from previous research and a review of the Faculty Handbook. Based on Faculty Handbook it appears administration has voice vote, but committee members observed that it remains unclear if Lecturers have vote. The Faculty Handbook also states “All voting members of the Senate are elected to represent the faculty in their departments” Therefore only members elected by their departments have votes. However, the committee is concerned the “elected members” by definition does not necessarily include lecturers.*

Action Plan: *Continuing discussion after gathering further feedback from various Departments and the discussion with Counsel Dana Fohl. After further information gathering is complete, it was decided that the Rules Committee would share this information with Faculty Senate. The Committee states that if Faculty Senate would like to see this changed then please direct the Rules Committee to work on a change in the current language.*

3. Recommend a procedure for reminding departments/units about the need for an elected alternate. **Motion approved at last Faculty Senate meeting, issue resolved.**
4. Respond to Faculty-at-Large concerns about revisions in the Faculty Handbook, Part VII, Section IX Amendments to provide a more efficient process for faculty-at-large approval on motions but still provides opportunity for a group meeting if 10% of faculty petition against proposed motion(s). **Motion approved at last Faculty Senate meeting, issue resolved**

Meeting Adjourned

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2017.