

Rule Committee Meeting
9/19/16
9am in Wallace Building

Called to order at 9am

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

Guest: Shirley Peganoff-O'Brien

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

Committee Secretary: Karen Martin

Committee discussed the following charges from Executive Committee.

Charges for Rules Committee 2016-2017

1. Conduct a review of each Faculty Senate committee and report any recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for possible action. Is our present structure serving the Senate well? **Committee will address this after completing charges below.**
2. Should admin be able to voice\vote on faculty senate? Provost, Faculty Regent, President, Dean rep? **Committee members will contact schools off the list of benchmark institutions on EKU's website to identify the role of the Provost, Faculty Regent, President, and Dean representatives at Faculty Senate by next committee meeting. Each member will chose 2-3 institutions following this process; Jeff chose from schools A-D, Ralph from E-H, Karen- I-M, Lisa- N-S and Camille- U-Z.**
3. Recommend a procedure for reminding departments/units about the need for an elected alternate. Update handbook about Senate Representation. (Substitutes do not have voting privileges). Remind departments to find an alternate. Alternates need to be elected by department. 3-year term for alternates.

The committee is discussing a possible recommendation; that the Chair of Faculty Senate email all Deans and Chairs at EKU with the rule in the faculty handbook regarding this issue, with one small revision. It reads as follows:

All voting members of the Senate are elected to represent the faculty in their departments. In order to ensure consistent and accurate representation, each department is ~~also-asked~~ **required to elect an alternate for a three-year term in addition to their regular Senator(s). ~~Each election unit shall be entitled but not required to elect alternate delegates (as many as the unit deems feasible) to ensure voting rights of their faculty.~~ The alternate may attend for any Senator in the departments with more than one representative. Elected alternates will possess full voting rights and attend meetings when the Faculty Handbook 2015-2016 Part Seven 48 elected Senator is unavailable. In situations ~~where in which~~ an alternate is ~~either not elected or is~~ unable to attend, a substitute may attend. Substitutes are allowed to speak to issues and report back to their departments, but substitutes do not have voting rights. The Senate Chair and/or Secretary should be notified in advance whenever an alternate or a substitute will attend a Senate meeting in place of a**

Senator.

Rules committee will continue to work on the specific language of our recommendation and review at Oct. meeting before it goes to Executive Committee for action.

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). Suggest clarity in the process.

Clarify procedure for 10%.

The committee is discussing a possible recommendation;

- a. **Another election be held at next convocation to vote on below:**

- a. **When an issue comes before the faculty at large for a vote an email is sent (by the Chair of Faculty Senate) to all faculty describing the issue and proposed amendments. A link to a petition will be presented in the email. Any dissenting faculty member would identify themselves and sign the petition electronically. If 10% or more of the faculty dissent, then the issue would go to the Faculty-at-Large for a vote.**

Next committee meeting is October 21 at 9am in Dizney 135