

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 7, 2011  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Physics Bldg. 208

Present: L Haynes, M Fitch, M Schulz, Y Ma, K Isaac, M Davis, D Tauritz, B Hale, D Westenberg, S Miller, S Raper, J Martin

1. Approval of February 7, 2011 RP&A Agenda.  
*Approved with changes in item order*

2. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2010 RP&A Meeting.  
*Approved*

3. NTT policies (Schwartz)

Questions concerning promotion procedures of NTT faculty were discussed. The new policy, which had been tabled at the last FS meeting, will be proposed at the upcoming meeting.

4. Bylaws changes for dept chairs' revised responsibilities and related topics (Isaac)

K Erickson, Chair of the DCC, presented the case that, because the chairs have assumed many of the duties formerly performed by the deans, the DCC should be included in the bylaws. Some of the language in the DCC proposal was questioned, and it was argued that the job descriptions for the department chairs already covered DCC concerns. Erickson agreed to take the proposal back to DCC for revision.

5. Comments from UM – Legal on proposed T & P policies (Cohen)

No report. After the meeting L Haynes reported that J Cohen has not received feedback from the Provost on the revised policies.

6. Electronic teaching evaluations (Miller, Isaac)

CET met on Jan 27 and discussed implementation issues for the new electronic teaching evaluations.

7. Calendar for 2011/12 and 2012/13 (Westenberg)

Open House dates for 2011/12 proposed by Admissions approved. Occasions committee recommends keeping a 16-week Spring calendar, with semester to begin after MLK day, consistent with UMC calendar. This will be proposed at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

8. Academic integrity (Isaac)

Discussion is ongoing at IFC for new plagiarism policy—S&T and UMC are opposed, UMSL and UMKC favorable. The topic will be discussed at the IFC meeting Friday Feb. 11

9. Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Replacement for Lance Haynes (Isaac)

KM will solicit candidates for this position, and will present at next FS meeting.

10. Special Academic Programs (Tauritz)

These are not housed in departments, and accordingly may not submit curriculum revisions to the Curriculum Committee. Repeated efforts to do so have been made, particularly by the teacher's education personnel. RP&A voted not to make exceptions to this rule. D Tauritz said he would report this decision to the Provost and other interested parties.

11. Student Academic Regulations (Isaac/Referral from Debra Robinson)

Language presently in the Student Academic Regulations directs students petitioning for grade changes to inform the VC for Student Affairs. D Robinson's out that SA has no formal role in such appeals, and suggested that the language should either be excised or reworded. RP&A recommended the following revision to SAR Sec VIII Undergraduate Studies –I.3c:

“A student may request advice through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs in the event they need clarification on student related policies and procedures”.

12. Agenda for FS meeting Feb 17.

13. Next Scheduled Meeting – March 2, 2011

14. Adjourn

**Referrals Ongoing**

1. RP&A ref - Across the Board versus Targeted Budget Cuts (Budgetary Affairs)

**Ongoing Monitoring (Review as necessary)**

1. Provost's web site – posting of T&P rules. (G. Cohen)
2. Archiving FS data (Isaac)

**Other Committee Items (Review as necessary)**

1. Budgetary Planning, Start-up Packages (Budgetary Affairs)
2. Academic Integrity (Academic Freedom & Standards) (Waiting for IFC progress)