Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Physics Bldg. 208


   Approved

2. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2011 RP&A Meeting.
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3. Population of Committees (Isaac)
   KM circulated the document below, showing unfilled committee spots. RP&A members were encouraged to seek candidates. KM will draft a new message for the dept chairs, indicating specific vacancies.

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4. Bylaws changes for dept chairs’ revised responsibilities and related topics (Schulz)
   DCC had accepted most of the last version, with the request that one clause be deleted
   (“which are not otherwise addressed in these Bylaws”). New language (red font) was
   proposed, and the following version will be submitted to DCC:

   d. Department Chairs Council
   The Department Chairs’ Council (DCC) consists of titled department chairs, including acting and
   interim Chairs and other officials who supervise faculty and report to the Provost. The charge of
   the DCC is to be a collective voice for matters relevant to the departments. The DCC, acting in
   accordance with the General Faculty Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of
   Curators, is charged with helping formulate, recommend, and implement procedures relevant to
   departmental operations and issues which are of mutual concern to department chairs and their
   faculty. No statement or input from the DCC shall be construed to be representative of the
   faculty or its Standing Committees unless it first receives the endorsement of the Faculty Senate.
   The DCC considers all matters referred to it by the Board of Curators, the President of the
   University, the Chancellor, the Provost, the General Faculty, Faculty Senate, and individual
   department chairs.

5. Budget (Hale)
   Unofficial communication from administrators has suggested that deficit issues might not
   be a serious as generally thought.

6. Course renumbering (Davis, Tauritz)
   The Registrar wants to implement a 4-digit system to conform with other universities.
   The Curriculum Committee has expressed concern about the implementation of this plan.
   It was decided to ask the Registrar to make a report to RP&A at the next meeting.

7. Comments from UM – Legal on proposed T & P policies (Cohen)
   A minor wording change has been made, and the new policy will be on the agenda for the
   next Faculty Senate meeting.

8. Retirement Committee Report (Davis)
   No report.

9. Chancellor Search (Isaac)
   Search committee will meet April 29 at 12:00.

10. Presidential Search (Davis)
    No report.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting – May 12, 2011

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

Ongoing Monitoring (Review as necessary)
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)