

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Silver and Gold Room, Havener Center

Present: S.N. Balakrishnan, Michael Davis, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, K.M. Isaac, Gearoid MacSithigh, Keith Nisbett, Daniel Tauritz

1. Approval of Tuesday, February 7, 2012 RP&A Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of Tuesday, January 10, 2012 RP&A Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. NTT Librarians (Davis)

Michael Davis reported that IFC removed the “voting rights” language from the proposal. UM-Columbia representatives requested a postponement of the issue.

4. Technology Transfer (Isaac)

K.M. Isaac reported on issues of economic development at the UM system level. Some campuses are seeking to add faculty-selected representatives to the system level tech transfer advisory committee. No action was taken.

5. Domestic partner benefits (Isaac)

The Board of Curators indicated they would consider the issue of adding benefits for domestic partners if all campuses requested it. S&T is apparently the only campus that has not officially expressed an opinion. The president of IFC has requested that our Faculty Senate take a position. This issue had previously been assigned to the Personnel committee for consideration. Dr. Isaac will contact the chair to request input within 3 weeks. IFC will also be asked for the exact language for the proposed policy.

6. Board of Curators Meeting (Davis)

Michael Davis reported on the Feb. 3 Board of Curators meeting.

7. IT Fees (Davis)

Michael Davis received an email from Barbara Hale recommending students not be charged an internet access fee for access from university approved housing. The issue was referred to the IT committee.

8. Budget (Hale/Davis)

Michael Davis reported on a budget meeting with the Chancellor that included the chair of staff council, two department chairs (Huebner and Erickson), and the President of Faculty Senate.

A memo from Bill Fahrenholtz to the Faculty Senate officers was read that urged the faculty senate to take an active role in the budget issues.

A rough draft of a proposed faculty senate resolution was generated. It was agreed to finalize the wording by email of a resolution to include on the agenda of the next Faculty Senate meeting.

9. FS meeting agenda for January 19, 2012

The Faculty Senate agenda will be distributed and approved by email.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.