Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Silver and Gold Room, Havener Center

Present: Martin Bohner, Michael Davis, Mojtaba Fallahpour, Steve Grant, Steven Grott, Barbara Hale, K.M. Isaac, Jennifer Leopold, Gearoid MacSithigh, Keith Nisbett, Keith Strassner, Daniel Tauritz, David Wright

1. **Approval of Tuesday, February 28, 2012 RP&A Agenda**
   Added two items to the agenda: Faculty Senate committee and officer elections, Board of Curators breakfast. Agenda approved as revised.

2. **Approval of Tuesday, February 7, 2012 RP&A Meeting Minutes**
The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. **Technology Transfer (Isaac).**
Keith Strassner gave an overview of technology transfer issues. UM Vice President Mike Nichols is working on making technology transfer more effective. There was discussion about working toward a campus-level faculty special committee, with a long-term goal of merging its charge with the existing Intellectual Property committee.

4. **FS Committee restructuring. Subcommittee report (Isaac)**
K.M. Isaac reported that the sub-committee is making progress on re-evaluating the makeup of Faculty Senate committees. Daniel Tauritz noted that the Graduate Council has not appointed its representative to the Curricula Committee in many years.

5. **Campus climate student survey (Student Council)**
Student Council will include a discussion of the student survey in their next report to Faculty Senate.

6. **Domestic partner benefits (Leopold)**
Jennifer Leopold reported that all that voiced an opinion on the Personnel committee were in favor of supporting a resolution to encourage the UM system to provide domestic partner benefits. Potential wording was proposed for a resolution to be considered by the Personnel committee to be brought before the Faculty Senate. “The Faculty Senate supports a domestic partner benefit policy that promotes fairness between same-sex and different-sex couples in a fiscally responsible manner.”

7. **NTT Librarians (IFC action) (Davis)**
Michael Davis reported that UM-Columbia IFC representatives proposed new wording that for NTT status to be granted to librarians on a campus, both the librarians and the faculty from that campus have to approve.

8. **Budget (Davis)**
Michael Davis and Barbara Hale reported on budget expectations.

9. **Faculty Senate Committee and Officer Nominations (Davis)**
   Michael Davis reported that a request has been sent to department chairs for committee nominations. Potential officer nominations are needed.

10. **Board of Curators Breakfast (Davis)**
    Michael Davis is looking for a speaker for the breakfast. He will pursue Engineers Without Borders.

11. **Approval of FS meeting agenda for March 8, 2012**
    The agenda will be distributed for approval by email.

12. **Scheduled RP&A Meeting**
    Times and locations for this year are listed below.

13. **Adjourned at 4:00 pm.**

    **Scheduled RP&A meeting times and locations 2011-1012**

    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, September 6, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, October 11, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, December 13, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, January 10, 2012 (Meramec/Gasconade)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 7, 2012 (Silver & Gold)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (Silver & Gold)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, April 10, 2012 (Meramec/Gasconade)
    2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, June 5, 2012 (Silver & Gold)