

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)