

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 11, 2013
2:30 – 4:30 PM
Toomey 140

Present: S. N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, Katie Burns, Michael Davis, Fikret Ercal, Mark Fitch, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Melanie Mormile, Daniel Tauritz

1. Approval of Monday, February 11, 2013, RP&A Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of Monday, January 14, 2013, RP&A Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. CET Scores for GTAs (Davis)

Michael Davis reported on a request of Larry Gregg to use the CET scores in the office of the Vice President of Undergraduate Studies in order to check effectiveness of GTA training workshops. Some discussion followed involving the possibility of misuse of these data. The committee asked Michael Davis to return to Larry Gregg with the request to specify why and how these data will be exactly used.

4. Use of the Word “Customers” (Fitch)

A member of the Faculty Senate (Daniel Forsiniti) requested RP&A to discuss the use of the word “customer” in connection with students. Katie Burns explained that S&T students would never be offended by the use of this word. After some discussion, Mark Fitch made the following motion: “Whereas the relationship between a student and the university is a deep and complex relationship, and whereas a customer purchases goods, and whereas students become alumnae instead of ‘not-customers’, and whereas employers do not purchase students from the university, Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate decries the use of the term ‘customer’ in the current strategic planning process and suggests the use of a term such as stakeholder or constituent instead to be consistent with System terminology.” Steve Grant seconded this motion. After some discussion, Steve Grant moved to table this motion. Melanie Mormile seconded this motion. The motion passed.

5. Extra-Curricular Requirements (Grant)

Steve Grant elaborated on three problematical issues of extra-curriculum requirements: 1. Tests that are scheduled outside of regular class time. 2. Required field trips. 3. Extended absences from class (with duration up to two weeks). These issues have not been brought yet in front of the Student Affairs Committee but will soon be discussed there.

6. Parking Committee Presentation (Davis)

Some issues concerning parking on campus were discussed. No action was taken.

7. Add/Drop Form Change (Davis)

Michael Davis informed the Committee that the Registrar is pushing for a change to discontinue the use of add/drop forms during the first two weeks of classes. Daniel Tauritz made a motion to invite Deanne Jackson (Registrar) to the next RP&A meeting. This motion was seconded and approved.

8. IFC Update (Balakrishnan/Fitch)

No report.

9. Search Committee Updates (Davis)

S. N. Balakrishnan reported updates on the VPUS search. He reported that Martin Bohner was chosen as the Faculty Senate member on the search for the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration.

10. New Business

No new business.

11. Approval of FS Meeting Agenda for February 21, 2013

Michael Davis explained the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting. The agenda was approved as in the attachment.

12. Scheduled RP&A Meeting Times and Locations for 2013

The remaining scheduled meeting times as shown in the following were reaffirmed.

2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, March 11, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, April 18, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, May 6, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, June 10, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was entertained, seconded, and approved.

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 21, 2013

204 McNutt Hall; 1:30 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of 24 January 2013 meeting minutes
- III. Campus Reports and Responses
 - A. President's Report S. N. Balakrishnan (5 mins)
 - B. Administrative Reports
 - i) C. Schrader (5 mins)
 - ii) K. Wray (5 mins)
 - C. Staff Council Report B. Betz (3 mins)
 - D. Student Council R. Beck (3 mins)
 - E. Council of Graduate Students M. Alkazimi (3 mins)
- IV. Vice President for Finance and Administration Address N. Krawitz (20 mins)
- V. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
 - A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda M. Davis (3 mins)
 - B. Curricula D. Tauritz (5 mins)
 - C. Budgetary Affairs B. Hale (5 mins)
 - D. ITCC D. Wunsch (3 mins)
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items
- VII. New Business and Announcements
- VIII. Adjourn