Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2014

4:00 – 5:12p.m.

Library, room 202

Members present: Mark Fitch, Melanie Mormile, Martin Bohner, Steven Grant, Kelvin Erickson, and Bruce McMillian

1. Approval of September 8, 2014, RP&A Agenda
   a. The agenda was amended to add the topics of special elections and student academic regulations under item 3. The motion passed.


3. Faculty Senate Agenda for Sept. 18:
   a. An RP&A motion was made concerning a June 19 FS motion concerning non-tenured faculty from Dr. Acar of the Personnel Committee. The FS motion was about bringing proposed changes to attention of the system (see wording in June 19 FS minutes). The FS motion was postponed in the June 19 FS meeting but not specified till when. Ensuing discussion concluded that it was assumed to be indefinitely postponed. An RP&A motion was made to not bring back the FS motion in the September 18 FS meeting. The RP&A motion passed.
   b. Item 3a on RP&A agenda: Special election considered for open slot in the Library and Learning Resources committee. Discussion ensued, RP&A decided to leave the slot open.
   c. OCR (office of civil rights) has received several complaints of racially based grading. As a consequence System is proposing changes to the CRR pertaining to Student Academic Regulations Part VIII (see attached). A motion was made and passed to have Dr. Fitch make a motion during the RP&A report to the Faculty Senate to remove the first sentence of paragraph 3) c.
   d. A motion was made and passed for Dr. Fitch to make a motion in his RP&A report to add in the Student academic regulations page 15 I1 after the words “review of” to insert, “the final grade in a course that the student alleges was graded capriciously” and to strike out “alleged capricious grading
   e. A motion was made and passed for Dr. Fitch to make a motion in his RP&A report to add in the Student academic regulations page 15 paragraph I3C before “The student and instructor shall be allowed…” the sentence, “The student’s written request shall include: course, instructor, semester, rational for considering the grading as arbitrary and capricious, and the outcome sought.”
   f. A motion to approve the Faculty Senate Agenda for September 18 was made and passed.

4. No New Business

5. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.