

Rules, Procedure, and Agenda (RP&A) Committee  
Meeting Minutes, 19 January 2016  
2:00-2:58 p.m., Library 202

Members present: D. Ahmad, M. Bohner, M. Bruening, M. Fitch, L. Gragg, B. Hale, T. Schuman, S. Sedighsarvestani, K. Swartz (for Z. Woolsey)

- I. Call to order, minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting were approved.
- II. The following agenda for the January 28, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting was approved:
  - i. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - ii. Approval of November 12, 2015 minutes
  - iii. Approval of November 19 (special meeting) minutes
  - iv. Campus Reports and Responses
    - a. President Pro Tem's Report ..... T. Schuman (9 min.)
    - b. Administrative Reports
      1. Chancellor's Report .....C. Schrader (7 min.)
      2. Provost's Report..... R. Marley (7 min.)
    - c. Staff Council Report .....J. Boehm (3 min.)
    - d. Student Council .....A. McMikle (3 min.)
    - e. Council of Graduate Students ..... T. Goodwin (3 min.)
  - v. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
    - a. Curricula ..... T. Schuman (7 min.)
    - b. Public Occasions ..... S. Sedighsarvestani (2 min.)
    - c. Administrative Review ..... B. Hale (5 min.)
    - d. Information Technology/Computing ..... T. Vojta (5 min.)
  - vi. Old Business
  - vii. New Business and Announcements
  - viii. Adjourn

Tom Schuman announced that he had talked to Steve Grant, who is currently on FMLA leave, and it seems likely that he will be away for the rest of this academic year. The committee concluded that Tom Schuman should continue to serve as acting Faculty Senate president, but to be consistent with *Robert's Rules of Order*, he should be listed as President Pro Tem for Faculty Senate meetings.

Much discussion was had about the campus climate survey report that the Faculty Senate officers circulated by email on Monday, January 18, 2016. Tom explained the reasons for the survey and report, to wit, that the Senate officers had received many complaints about the administration from faculty members during the fall semester and had heard that some departments were considering holding individual votes of no confidence in the Chancellor. To head-off a potentially chaotic situation from spinning out of control, the Senate officers conducted a survey of senior faculty members on campus, seeking feedback on the administration. A one-page summary was put together and forwarded to the Chancellor and Provost. The main themes that emerged were continued lack of communication, lack of faculty input on policies that affect them, and failure to follow best management practices. The officers planned to discuss the

summary with the Chancellor and Provost at a meeting immediately following the RP&A meeting.

There will be an IFC meeting on Friday, January 22 in Columbia. The question arose about finding a substitute for Steve Grant for the remainder of the year. It was decided that Michael Bruening, as the Faculty Senate officer next in line, should attend the Friday meeting as a substitute, but that Tom should talk to Steve Graham and the President of IFC to determine how to proceed with a permanent resolution for the rest of the semester.

## II. Old Business

There was brief discussion of the vote to amend the bylaws. Faculty Senate officers should remind the members of their department to vote before Wednesday, January 27. The vote will be counted on the morning of Thursday, January 28, so we should be able to announce the result during the Faculty Senate meeting that day.

## III. New Business

There was no new business

Adjournment, 2:58 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Bruening