

Rules, Procedure, and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes, 6 October 2015
2:00-3:45 p.m., Library 202

Members present: D. Ahmad, M. Bohner, M. Bruening, M. Davis, S. Grant, B. Hale, T. Schuman, S. Sedighsarvestani, M. Zawodniok

- I. Call to order, minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting were approved.
- II. The following agenda for the October 15, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting was approved:
 - i. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - ii. Approval of September 17, 2015 minutes
 - iii. Campus Reports and Responses
 - a. President's Report S. Grant (5 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.)
 - iv. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
 - a. Curricula T. Schuman (5 min.)
 - b. Public Occasions S. Sedighsarvestani (3 min.)
 - c. Academic Freedom and Standards D. Ahmad (10 min.)
 - d. Personnel M. Fitch (5 min.)
 - e. Information Technology/Computing T. Vojta (5 min.)
 - f. RP&A M. Bohner (5 min.)
 - g. Library and Learning Resources M. Bruening (3 min.)
 - h. Administrative Review L. Gragg (3 min.)
 - v. Old Business
 - vi. New Business and Announcements
 - vii. Adjourn

III. Old Business:

- i. Budgetary Affairs Committee Motion. With regard to the BAC motion approved at the last Faculty Senate meeting, FS officers indicated that at their meeting with Chancellor Schrader, she indicated that the budget process is always ongoing and that it would be difficult to decide what the "major" meetings are but that she was open to attendance at some cabinet meetings. She also had indicated that Walt Branson (Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration) is at the committee's disposal. The officers also reported that the Chancellor had indicated a desire to see the Budgetary Affairs Committee become more forward looking by helping to set budget priorities.
- ii. Retiree Health Benefits. S. Grant updated the committee on the current state of discussions regarding Retiree Health Benefits. Benefits for current retirees are apparently being tweaked, with changes likely to go into effect on January 1, 2017. In particular, the

UM system is looking for more efficient possibilities for things like Medicare supplemental insurance. For future retirees, options are still being investigated and discussed with input from the Total Rewards Advisory Committee.

- iii. Bylaw Amendment: There are currently no specific plans to alter the proposed bylaw amendments that failed last spring, but the Chancellor wants to see what happens at open forums. There are also plans for a point-counterpoint memo on the proposed amendment.

IV. New Business:

- i. S. Grant and T. Schuman reported on the first IFC meeting of the academic year. Faculty morale is a concern, and President Wolfe wants all the campuses to take the Coache Climate Survey. IFC will also be working on post-tenure review, particularly in an effort both to give it teeth for those performing poorly and rewards for those doing well.
- ii. Extensive, free-flowing discussion was held about faculty morale, shared governance issues, and other faculty concerns.

Submitted by Michael Bruening