

Rules, Procedure, and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes, 3 November 2015
1:45-2:55 p.m., Library 203

Members present: D. Ahmad, M. Bohner, M. Bruening, M. Fitch, S. Gragg, S. Grant, B. Hale, R. Morgan, T. Schuman, S. Sedighsarvestani, Z. Wolsey, M. Zawodniok

- I. Call to order, minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting were approved.
- II. The following agenda for the November 12, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting was approved:
 - i. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - ii. Approval of October 15, 2015 minutes
 - iii. Campus Reports and Responses
 - a. President's Report S. Grant (7 min.)
 - b. Retiree Health Care Benefits B. Rodriquez (10 min.)¹
 - c. Administrative Reports
 1. Chancellor's Report C. Schrader (7 min.)
 2. Provost's Report R. Marley (7 min.)
 - d. Staff Council Report J. Boehm (3 min.)
 - e. Student Council A. McMikle (3 min.)
 - f. Council of Graduate Students T. Goodwin (3 min.)
 - iv. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
 - a. Curricula T. Schuman (7 min.)
 - b. Public Occasions S. Sedighsarvestani (1 min.)
 - c. Academic Freedom and Standards D. Ahmad (3 min.)
 - d. Administrative Review L. Gragg (5 min.)
 - e. Personnel M. Fitch (5 min.)
 - f. Information Technology/Computing T. Vojta (5 min.)
 - g. RP&A M. Bohner (5 min.)
 - v. Old Business
 - vi. New Business and Announcements
 - vii. Adjourn

In discussing the agenda, it was concluded that Dr. Bohner should present the AAUP's Centennial Declaration during the RP&A report. Dr. Fitch suggested that we have wording ready for a potential resolution of support for the declaration.

There was a question about the Grievance Resolution Panel membership. There is evidently supposed to be one member who is elected by and from the Faculty Senate who would also serve as chair. It was decided that an election should take place at the next faculty meeting during the RP&A report.

There was much discussion on the topic of this year's administrative review, especially about the extent to which the results should be shared. Some argued that there's no point to doing it if the results are not shared broadly. Others raised concerns about privacy, potential negative media

¹ This item was added after the meeting via email request without objections.

coverage, and setting a bad precedent that could result in department chair or regular faculty reviews to be publicly shared. Dr. Gragg will present at the Faculty Senate meeting and address some of these concerns, indicating that there is no consensus yet.

Dr. Ahmad indicated that the Academic Freedom and Standards committee would like to amend the Student Academic Policies change passed at the last FS meeting to reintroduce language that had been cut pertaining to pre-1992 Incomplete grades.

The Curricula Committee plans to discuss a change in the DSCC (Discipline-Specific Curricula Committee) for the department of Computer Science that would move it from the Science DSCC to the Engineering DSCC, since the department is within the College of Engineering and Computing.

The Personnel Committee plans to present on the 29-step hiring process.

III. Old Business: There was no old business.

IV. New Business:

- i. Concerns were raised about a shift in laboratory fees. Apparently, they were recently standardized across much of the campus, but this resulted in large increases for students in certain departments, such as Physics. Some of the department's students, for example, are theoretical physicists who do not even use the labs. The issue was referred to the Budgetary Affairs Committee.
- ii. Dr. Grant was approached about having a special FS meeting on a new bylaw amendment in place of the one introduced last semester. We will plan to hold a special FS meeting on Thursday, November 19.
- iii. Dr. Grant and Dr. Schuman presented on the latest IFC meeting. The IFC wants each campus to review suggested changes to the CRR policies on conflict of interest and on lab animal care and use. It was decided to post them on the website and solicit comments during the President's Report at the FS meeting.

Adjournment, 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Bruening