

Rules, Procedure, and Agenda (RP&A) Committee  
Meeting Minutes, 9 September 2015  
4:00-5:30 p.m., Library 202

Members present: L. Acar, D. Ahmad, M. Bohner, M. Bruening, D. Chattopadhyay (for T. Goodwin), M. Davis, S. Grant, B. Hale, I. Morgan, T. Schuman, S. Sedighsarvestani, Z. Woolsey, M. Zawodniok

- I. Call to order, minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting were approved.  
II. The following agenda for the September 17, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting was approved:

- i. Call to Order and Roll Call
- ii. Approval of June 18, 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. Budgetary Affairs B. Hale (3 min.)
  - c. Academic Freedom and Standards D. Ahmad (5 min.)
  - d. Information Technology/Computing T. Vojta (5 min.)
  - e. Student Affairs E. Park (2 min.)
  - f. RP&A M. Bohner (5 min.)
- v. Old Business
- vi. New Business and Announcements
- vii. Adjourn

III. Old Business: No old business

IV. New Business:

- i. D. Ahmad brought a proposal for consideration regarding makeup work for students who need to be absent for short-term military service. The campus already has a policy for long-term military service, but nothing for short-term service. There was some discussion about what exactly the time limits of "short-term" service would be. The committee voted to refer the proposal to the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee with a recommendation to come up with a specific time limit on the length of the service-member's absence.
- ii. S. Grant indicated that he had received requests for the Administrative Review Committee to review the current administrators. B. Hale indicated that the committee will be meeting next week. It was verified that the Administrative Review Committee's recommendations need to be approved by the faculty senate.
- iii. M. Bohner explained that we do not currently have a representative on the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS). Traditionally, the president-elect of the Faculty Senate has represented

Missouri S&T, but this has not been ideal. The MAFS meets only twice a year, which does not give our representative time to get accustomed to what goes on there. Every other campus has a longer-term representative. The representative does not need to be a member of the Faculty Senate, only someone who is interested in faculty governance issues. It was decided to hold an election for a representative and an alternate during the RP&A report at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

- iv. B. Hale from Budgetary Affairs suggested that faculty representatives, namely a Faculty Senate officer and a member of the Budgetary Affairs committee, should be invited to attend budget planning meetings. It was suggested that a motion be made to this effect at the next Faculty Senate meeting during the Budgetary Affairs Committee report.
- v. L. Acar indicated there has been dissatisfaction with the process by which changes to benefits plans have been made. It seems that proposed changes to benefit plans are bypassing faculty consideration and being taken directly to the Board of Curators. Faculty are then being informed only after final decisions have been made. In particular, it has been rumored that there is proposal under consideration to eliminate medical benefits for future retirees who are ineligible for Medicare. Betsy Rodriguez from the UM System could not make the September meeting, but S. Grant indicated that she would be meeting with the department chairs and faculty senate officers next week. B. Hale moved that the faculty senate officers write a letter to Chancellor Schrader seeking clarification on the retiree benefit issue. The motion passed.
- vi. Z. Woolsey from the Student Council asked if there was any news on a proposal to ban smoking on campus. L. Acar indicated that M. Fitch had referred this issue to the Personnel Committee at the end of spring semester 2015. M. Bohner explained that in discussions with campus health representatives, he had been asked to delay discussion on the subject. A motion was made and passed to revoke the referral previously made to the Personnel Committee.
- vii. Adjournment, 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Bruening