Rules, Procedure, and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes, 12 April 2016
2:00-4:00 p.m., Library 202

Members present: D. Ahmad, M. Bohner, M. Bruening, M. Fitch, L. Gragg, B. Hale, T. Schuman, S. Sedighsarvestani,

I. Call to order, minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting were approved.
II. The following agenda for the April 21, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting was approved:
   i. Call to Order and Roll Call
   ii. Approval of Minutes
       a. March 24, 2016 minutes
       b. April 7, 2016 minutes
   iii. Campus Reports and Responses
       a. President Pro Tem’s Report T. Schuman (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. Administrative Review L. Gragg (15 min.)
       c. Information Technology/Computing T. Vojta (5 min.)
       d. Public Occasions S. Sedighsarvestani (2 min.)
       e. RP&A M. Bohner (15 min.)
   v. Old Business
   vi. New Business and Announcements
   vii. Adjourn

There was much discussion of how to discuss the Administrative Review process at the next meeting. It was decided that Tom Schuman would introduce the basic issues during his President’s Report, but that most discussion should take place during the Administrative Review Committee’s report. Two issues will need to be decided at the Faculty Senate meeting: First, whether the review should be accepted as valid or whether a new one will need to be conducted. The view of the RP&A committee is that the results should be held as valid and that someone should introduce a motion during the Administrative Review Committee’s report to that effect. Second, the Faculty Senate will need to consider whether the motion passed at the February 18 Faculty Senate meeting, namely that the results of surveys that achieved more than 50% participation rate should be released to the Faculty Senate. If no motion to the contrary is approved at the meeting, the previous motion will still be in force.

The committee learned that President Steve Grant’s health condition has deteriorated and that he informally offered to resign his position as president of the Faculty Senate. The committee
decided to refuse to accept his resignation for the moment and offer him the opportunity to participate in commencement before taking any further action in this regard.

Elections for Faculty Senate Committees will take place during the RP&A report. Clickers have been arranged for holding the elections. There is still some confusion about the Grievance Resolution Panel, due to conflicting language in the CRRs and bylaws. It was decided to make a motion regarding this panel as follows: “Missouri S&T should use the Grievance Resolution Panel model A (i.e., two or four faculty representatives, plus 2 alternatives), as per CRR 373.010.C.1. The application process shall be nomination by the department or from the Faculty Senate floor.”

Faculty Senate will also need to elect new Faculty Senate officers for the next academic year: a new Parliamentarian to enter the typical rotation, and a Secretary to serve for one year, to replace Michael Bruening, who will be on sabbatical. Sahra Sedighsarvestani will jump from Parliamentarian to President-Elect. The current officers will meet to discuss potential nominees before the Faculty Senate meeting.

I. Old Business: There was no old business

II. New Business: There was no new business

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Bruening