

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 20 April 2010
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Silver and Gold Room

Those whose names appear were present at the meeting.

Greg Gelles, Neil Book, Michael Davis, Lance Haynes, Paul Voss, Michael Schulz, KM Isaac, Barbara Hale, Keith Nisbett, Partho Neogi for Lia Sotiriou-Leventis, Steve Raper

1. Approval of 20 April 2010 RP&A agenda

Approved

2. Approval of minutes from 25 March 2010 RP&A meeting

Approved

3. Luncheon with the Board of Curators

Professor Schulz will include the luncheon with the Board of Curators as an item in the President's Report at the 29 April Faculty Senate meeting.

4. Results of the Administrator Review Surveys

The Administrative Review Committee will report at the 29 April Faculty Senate meeting. The summary of the tabulated results is posted on the Faculty Senate web site and respondents to the surveys can view the complete set of tabulated results that are kept in the Faculty Senate office. Professor Schulz will request from Professor Crow a list of the respondents to each of the surveys.

5. Nominations for representatives to standing committees and Faculty Senate offices

Professor Schulz proposed replacements for nominees to standing committees who had withdrawn their names. A motion was made and passed to accept the replacements as the RP&A nominees to the Faculty Senate.

Several applicants have come forward for the open positions on the Grievance Hearing Panel and the Oversight Committee. Elections will be held to fill the positions at the 29 April Faculty Senate meeting.

Professors Schulz, Gelles, and Isaac are having discussions with prospective nominees for the open officer positions with the Faculty Senate.

Professor Gelles will remind departments to elect representatives to the Information Technology and Computing, Promotion and Tenure, Effective Teaching, and Discipline Specific Curriculum Committees.

6. Report of the Capacity Task Force

The Executive Summary and Final Report of the Capacity Task Force have been published and are available on the Enrollment Management web site. The Summary and Report adequately address the issues that were noted in the RP&A resolution forwarded to Dean Goff. Professor Raper will give a report at the 29 April Faculty Senate meeting.

7. Rapidity of S&T responses to IFC issues

An increase in the number of Faculty Senate meetings was discussed since the minimum number (3 per semester and 1 in the summer) were scheduled for this academic year. RP&A Committee meetings must precede Faculty Senate meetings to set the agenda. Professors Schulz and Gelles will propose dates for Faculty Senate and RP&A meetings for the 2010-2011 academic year and present them at the 17 June Faculty Senate meeting.

8. Discussion concerning an RP&A retreat

A retreat is planned for Faculty Senate officers and newly-elected chairs of the standing committees for early in the fall semester.

9. Representative to the Committee for Restructuring Awards

RP&A elected Professor Raper as the S&T representative to the UM Committee for Restructuring Awards. Professor Raper will report on Committee activities at the 29 April 2010 Faculty Senate meeting.

10. Standing committee reports

Professor Haynes reported that the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee was not ready to report on the issue of time conflicts between scheduled classes and common exams that occur during the semester.

Professor Neogi reported that the Personnel Committee had developed a proposed policy statement concerning spousal and relative conflict of interest. The proposed statement covers issues that are not covered in the Collected Rules and Regulations. The proposed policy will be presented to the Chancellor and Provost with a request that the Chancellor issue the policy as an executive order. The Personnel Committee also completed a review of the documents related to classroom intellectual property rights. The Committee will report that a majority of the members approved the documents and will recommend approval by the Faculty Senate at the 29 April meeting.

The Information Technology and Computing Committee requested the addition of a report to the agenda of the 29 April meeting.

Professor Raper indicated that the Student Affairs Committee will report on the process for student organizations to become recognized by the University.

Professor Nesbitt indicated that the Curriculum Committee report will include a large number of degree change forms from the engineering departments. The engineering departments all agreed upon a common set of requirements for S&T degrees. Professor Nesbitt will also report that the existing S&T processes for accepting transfer credits for courses earned while students were serving in the military conform to the proposed processes at the Columbia campus.

11. Draft of academic dishonesty procedures

The Student Affairs Committee has completed a review of the draft of the academic dishonesty procedures. A report was added to the agenda of the 29 April 2010 Faculty Senate meeting.

12. Faculty representatives to the Campus Assessment Committee

Professor Gelles will announce that the RP&A Committee elected Professors Nesbitt and M. Fitch to serve as faculty representatives to the Campus Assessment Committee.

13. Discussion of tenure and promotion process

The Chancellor did not follow the tenure and promotion procedures that were approved by the Faculty Senate in April of 2009. However, the procedures that were approved by the Faculty Senate were forwarded to UM Legal Services for review and have not been returned, and as a result, are not in effect. The decision was reached to discuss the procedures with the Chancellor and Provost before setting a course of action.

14. Discussion of budget issues

The Provost issued memoranda to the departments that indicated the budget cuts anticipated for next year. However, the Board of Curators just approved increases in out-of-state and graduate tuition and supplemental fees that were not included during the deliberations concerning the budget cuts. A referral was made to the Budgetary Affairs Committee to determine the impact of the increase in tuition and fees and the effect on the budget cuts and to report the magnitude of the cuts for all academic and administrative units. Although the time is short, the Committee was requested to report at the 29 April Faculty Senate meeting, if possible.

15. Agenda for 29 April Faculty Senate meeting

The agenda for the 29 February Faculty Senate Meeting was prepared and approved.

16. Adjourn