

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 18 August 2009
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Silver and Gold Room, Havener Center

Members whose names are not grayed out were present.

Greg Gelles, Douglas Carroll, Michael Schulz, K. M. Isaac, Neil Book, Lance Haynes, Mariesa Crow, Barbara Hale, Don Wunsch, Keith Nisbett, Klaus Woelk, Dan Tauritz, Lia Sotiriou-Leventis, David Westenberg, Jeff Smith, Joseph Newkirk, Gerry Cohen, Shriram Gadekar, Paul Voss

1. Approval of 18 August 2009 RP&A Agenda. Approved.
2. Approval of Minutes from 9 June 2009 RP&A Meeting. Approved.
3. Election for Faculty Grievance Panel (Book).
We need to elect two members to serve on the grievance committee. Faculty will be asked to apply via announcement. Providing release time to the panel members will be discussed with the chancellor at the next meeting.
During the 25 Aug 2009 Faculty Senate officers meeting with the chancellor, he indicated that the number of grievance cases at S&T are too few to justify release time during the current financial difficulty.
4. Review of Bylaws Changes (Carroll)
A motion was made to ask the chancellor to present the bylaws to the Board of Curators with the necessary editorial changes, and it passed.
5. Staffing of FS Committees (Carroll)
Lance Haynes, Joe Newkirk and Doug Carroll will start calling faculty asking them to serve. Those who accept will be placed on the slate of candidates that will be presented at the September 2009 FS meeting. There may also be other nominations from the floor. In the future, the election will be conducted at the April FS meetings.
6. NTT Promotion Policy. UM Legal has rejected the proposal on the grounds that it is in direct violation of the Collective Rules and Regulations.
7. Parliamentary and officer succession. Doug Carroll will call potential candidates to serve.
8. Promotion and Tenure Policy.
The Chancellor has not yet approved the policy that was adopted by the faculty and Senate in April. This should be included on the agenda at the meeting with the chancellor. Once approved, it needs to be posted on the provost's web site.

9. Moment of silence and memorial for Don Myers for the September meeting.
A motion was made to observe a moment of silence for Don Myers at the September meeting. The motion passed. Lance Hayes will prepare and read a resolution.
10. Ad-Hoc Committee on Teaching. We need the Ad-Hoc committee to transition to the standing committee on teaching, but the standing committee is not officially established until the curators approve the bylaws revision. The Ad-Hoc Committee has submitted an interim report to the Faculty Senate in spring 2009.
11. Invasion of Privacy Issue. (Wunsch or Alternate)
No discussion.
12. Endorsement of Campus Assessment Plan (Haynes).
Lance Haynes reported that the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate endorse the proposed Campus Assessment Plan.
13. Multidisciplinary Studies (Haynes)
There is a proposal to revive the BS in Multidisciplinary Studies. Lance Haynes and his department are working on a proposal to house it in his department.
14. Next Meeting – 3 Sept 2009.
15. Adjourn

Referrals Ongoing

1. FS0708ref-5 Graduate Student Stipend/Fees (Grad. Council)
2. FS0708ref-8 Spousal Actions (Personnel)

Ongoing Monitoring (Review as necessary)

1. Supplementary/Soft Money Raises (B. Hale)
2. Emergency Preparedness (K. Woelk)
3. VPAA SB 389 Committee (D. Carroll and L. Haynes)
4. Provost's web site. (G. Cohen)
5. Archiving FS data (Isaac)

Other Committee Items (Review as necessary)

1. Budgetary Planning, Start-up Packages (Budgetary Affairs)
2. Academic Dishonesty (Academic Freedom & Standards) (Waiting for IFC progress)