

University of Missouri-Rolla
Academic Council
Rules, Procedures and Agenda Committee Meeting
McNutt Hall, Room 268
January 23, 2007 13:30 – 15:15

Present: S.N. Balakrishnan, Frank Blum, Douglas Carroll, Lance Haynes, Beth Groenke, Kurt Kosbar, Bruce McMillin, Don Myers, Keith Nisbett, Eun Soo Park, Jeff Smith, and Klaus Woelk.

Minutes from January 9, 2007 meetings were approved.

Tenure Committee – A public forum on the Tenure and Promotion Policy changes will be held on February 6, 2007. McMillin will send the committee's proposal to Kosbar for general distribution to ALLFAC.

Ad hoc Bylaws Revision Committee – Chancellor will visit us to provide his insights. Carroll will come up with a list of issues and distribute it to RP&A members for email discussions.

Global Studies Minor – The originator is willing to find a host department. The following motion was passed (vote: 5 vs. 2): RPA establish a subcommittee to try to determine a structure for interdisciplinary academic issues (programs, minors, and courses). Blum will take responsibility for setting up the subcommittee.

Personnel Committee -- There was a concern that some campus committees have overlapping duties with faculty standing committees. Kosbar suggested that this topic be placed on the agenda of the next RPA meeting with the Chancellor and RP&A agreed.

Strategic Planning Representatives – There was some discussion on reducing the number of AC representatives from 4 to 3. It was decided that Kosbar will get the committee member list from the Provost and RP&A will then try to handle this issue by e-mail.

AC representatives for Vice Provost Search Committees – RP&A elected McMillin and Balakrishnan to represent AC on the VP for Academic Affairs and VP for Grad Studies search committees, respectively.

HLC Committee – As Schwartz wishes to step down from the HLC Committee chair position, RP&A endorsed having Wayne Huebner replace Schwartz.

RP&A discussed briefly the breakfast format of the upcoming Board of Curators' meeting at UMR.

Academic Schedule for 08-09 -- There was a lengthy discussion on the appropriateness of the following statement at the bottom of the schedule: The faculty is reminded of the religious and other holidays that a substantial number of students may wish to observe. RP&A elected to take no action on that (vote: 6 vs. 5). The schedule was not approved because the spring semester looks like it is one week short.

Respectfully submitted,

Eun Soo Park, Secretary
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