



Faculty Senate

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2019

2:00 pm

137 Emerson Hall

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm.

Levent Acar, Mike Bruening, Steve Corns, Richard Dawes, Mark Fitch, Kaeden Kessinger, Maciej Zawodniok, Steve Raper, and Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani were present.

2. Approval of minutes of February 21, 2019 meeting

This item was postponed to the April meeting.

3. Reports from special/ad hoc committees

a. Ad Hoc Special Committee for Department Creation/Realignment

Dr. Raper, chair, distributed an updated draft policy proposal and stated that it has been approved by the majority of the committee. Feedback from the Provost's Office has been received and addressed in the current draft. A report to Senate is planned for March meeting. The draft will be sent to Senators in advance.

b. Bylaws Revision Committee

Dr. Bruening reported that Dr. Schuman is missing responses from a number of committee members. Once these responses are received, the next step is for Dr. Schuman to compile all revisions received into one master draft for the committee's review.

c. Committee for Periodic Evaluation of Missouri S&T's Tuition Remission Program

Dr. Dawes, chair, reported that the updated policy was sent by Chancellor Maples to all-fac on February 28. The committee met with the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, and Provost on Friday, March 8. Questions remain about the net cost of tuition reimbursement. They are still awaiting results of review by the Office of General Counsel. The committee will report to Faculty Senate at the March meeting.

The committee has been tasked by RP&A with determining the costs - to-date, and projected - of graduate tuition remittance. Dr. Dawes reported that they have attempted, but so far have failed, to find these numbers. They will inform Ms. Lisa Cerney, Director of Budget Planning, of the specific numbers required.

4. Reports on pending referrals to standing committees

- a. Academic Freedom and Standards: Removing transfer credit from the calculation of cumulative GPA

No report.

- b. Administrative Review: Progress of this year's surveys

No report.

- c. Budgetary Affairs:

- i. Budget for the current and next fiscal years, respectively.
- ii. Enrollment numbers and impact on the budget of the current fiscal year.
- iii. Report on the "big picture balance sheet," with tracking of changes in each item.
- iv. Cost of programs (application fee waiver and scholarships) recently announced by the Chancellor
- v. Source of the \$260 M in strategic initiative funding allocated by UM System

Dr. Fitch, chair, reported that the committee will be meeting on Friday, March 15, and they plan to report to Faculty Senate at the March meeting.

- d. Committee for Effective Teaching: Review of IFC document on teaching evaluation

No report.

- e. Information Technology and Computing:

- i. Investigate policy and practices associated with IT access of information on and potentially "bricking" employee-owned mobile devices.
- ii. Examine the campus monitoring policy.
- iii. Investigate remote control of conference room workstations by the Video Communications Center, and discuss related privacy concerns.

No report. RP&A members noted that referral iii should be closed, as every room where remote recording can take place has been equipped with a light that turns from red to green to indicate that recording is taking place.

f. Public Occasions: Addition of a fall break

Dr. Sedigh Sarvestani, chair, reported that the committee will give their final report to Faculty Senate at the March meeting.

g. Student Affairs: Disability support policies and practices

Dr. Acar will be meeting with Dr. Grover-Brisker, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, on Wednesday, March 13.

5. Preparation of agenda for March 21 Faculty Senate meeting

The agenda for the meeting was prepared and approved.

6. Unfinished business

No unfinished business.

7. New business

New referral to Tenure committee, to determine whether the promotion and tenure review process should be terminated for faculty members who tender their resignation prior to the final stages of the process.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.