



# Faculty Senate

## Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee

### Meeting Minutes

03 September 2020

1PM

Via Zoom

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1PM.

Steven Corns (chair), Kathryn Dolan, Kelvin Erickson, Mark Fitch, Kelly Homan, Jonathan Kimball, Kurt Kosbar, Doug Ludlow, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Kathleen Sheppard Jeff Smith, William Stobie, Dave Westenberg, were present.

2. Approval of minutes of June 2, 2020 meeting was tabled pending review

3. Reports from special/ad hoc committees

Bylaws Revision Committee

Dr. Schuman, chair was not present, Steve Corns will contact for an update.

4. Reports from standing committees

a. Academic Freedom and Standards:

i. Spring 2020 S/U grading option

The committee will bring a motion to Faculty Senate which formally clarifies several issues related to Registrar implementation of the S/U Grading Option. The committee will include, as part of this motion, the formal expectation that the S/U grading option would be used only for Spring 2020 and that it would not be available in future semesters, even if instruction was limited to online.

ii. Learning Management Systems (LMS)

The committee is reviewing whether campus administration can require or prohibit faculty from using a specific LMS.

iii. Online Proctoring

The committee is reviewing issues related to proctoring software, including concerns raised by students over use of webcams.

iv. Learning Transition Team

A campus-level committee, the Learning Transition Team, is making key decisions affecting campus academics. At present, neither RP&A nor one of the Faculty Senate subcommittees has a seat on the LTT.

Decision: RP&A Representation on the Learning Transition Team

The Faculty Senate RP&A Committee requests a representative on the Learning Transition Team. Kathleen Sheppard volunteered to serve as the RP&A representative.

Dr. Kosbar, chair, no report

b. Administrative Review:

Dr. Huebner, chair, no report

c. Budgetary Affairs:

- i. Budget for the current and next fiscal years, respectively.

Dr. Fitch, chair, reported on the financial implications of combining the GGPE and mining departments, which were negligible.

d. Curricula

Dr. Raper, chair, was not present but emailed to say the usual summary report to Faculty Senate will be made.

e. Effective Teaching: motion for Faculty Senate to consider had been mentioned

Dr. Oerther, chair, no report, will ask for update on motion

f. Facilities Planning:

- g. Dr. Erickson, chair, reported that he did contact Ted Ruth and details of ongoing and upcoming projects will be discussed his information about ongoing and future projects will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

h. Honorary Degrees

Dr. Ludlow, chair, no report

i. 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.

Dr. Singler, chair, was not present

j. Intellectual Property and Tech Transfer:

Dr. Kimball, chair, reported that is seeking to participate in the new committee being set up by the Chancellor to review intellectual property.

k. Library and Learning Resources:

Dr. Mendoza, chair, No report

l. Personnel:

- i. No response from HR regarding emeritus faculty rights

Dr. Westenberg, chair, reported on the combination of the GGPE and mining departments. No major issues were identified.

m. Public Occasions:

Dr. Sedigh Sarvestani, chair, reported that would be soliciting feedback on the early bird sessions on behalf of the academic planning committee. Also reported on the dates for Open House for Fall 2020.

n. Student Affairs:

- i. Previous discussions were related to dead week, the week preceding finals exams. Although there has been some concerns expressed over the naming of the week, students have greater concern over what faculty are requiring during that week.

Dr. Smith, chair, no report

o. Student Awards and Financial Aid:

Dr. Kosbar, chair, no report

p. Tenure Policy:



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Dr. Cohen, chair, was not present, no report.

5. Preparation of agenda for September 10, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting

The agenda for the meeting was prepared and approved.

6. Unfinished business

No unfinished business.

7. New business

No new business.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.