

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Physics Bldg. 208

Present: M. Davis, L. Haynes, D. Tauritz, J. Cohen, M. Schulz, M. Fitch, B. Hale, S. Bala, J. Martin

1. Approval of April 27, 2011 RP&A Agenda.
Approved
2. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2011 RP&A Meeting.
Approved
3. Population of Committees (Isaac)
KM circulated the document below, showing unfilled committee spots. RP&A members were encouraged to seek candidates. KM will draft a new message for the dept chairs, indicating specific vacancies.

Committee	Need from FS, Dept/FS			Comments		
	# needed	# nominated	# to find			
Acad. Freedom & Standards	5	5	0			
Adm. Review	2	0	2			
Budgetary Affairs	3	4		FS/1, Dept/FS/2, Remove 1		
Curricula	1	0	1	FS/1		
Com'tte eff. Teaching						
DSCC Curricula						
Facilities Planning	4	4	0			
Honorary Degrees	4	5		Remove 1		
ITCC						
IP						
Lib., Learning Resources	4	5		Remove 1		
Personnel	3	1	2			
Public Occasions	3	0	3	Gen. Faculty/Need today		
RP&A						
Student Affairs	5	1	4			
Stud. Awards, fin. Aid	1	0	0	Gen. Faculty/Need today		
Tenure						
Grievance						
Parking	7	3	4			

Student Conduct						
Stud. Schol. Appeals	4 (1 Gen. fac)	0	4	Need 1 today		

4. Bylaws changes for dept chairs' revised responsibilities and related topics (Schulz)
DCC had accepted most of the last version, with the request that one clause be deleted ("which are not otherwise addressed in these Bylaws"). New language (red font) was proposed, and the following version will be submitted to DCC:

d. Department Chairs Council

The Department Chairs' Council (DCC) consists of titled department chairs, including acting and interim Chairs and other officials who supervise faculty and report to the Provost. The charge of the DCC is to be a collective voice for matters relevant to the departments. The DCC, acting in accordance with the General Faculty Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Curators, is charged with helping formulate, recommend, and implement procedures relevant to departmental operations and issues which are of mutual concern to department chairs and their faculty. **No statement or input from the DCC shall be construed to be representative of the faculty or its Standing Committees unless it first receives the endorsement of the Faculty Senate.** The DCC considers all matters referred to it by the Board of Curators, the President of the University, the Chancellor, the Provost, the General Faculty, Faculty Senate, and individual department chairs.

5. Budget (Hale)
Unofficial communication from administrators has suggested that deficit issues might not be a serious as generally thought.
6. Course renumbering (Davis, Tauritz)
The Registrar wants to implement a 4-digit system to conform with other universities. The Curriculum Committee has expressed concern about the implementation of this plan. It was decided to ask the Registrar to make a report to RP&A at the next meeting.
7. Comments from UM – Legal on proposed T & P policies (Cohen)
A minor wording change has been made, and the new policy will be on the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting.
8. Retirement Committee Report (Davis)
No report.
9. Chancellor Search (Isaac)
Search committee will meet April 29 at 12:00.
10. Presidential Search (Davis)
No report
11. Next Scheduled Meeting – May 12, 2011
12. Adjourn

Referrals Ongoing

1. RP&A ref - Across the Board versus Targeted Budget Cuts (Budgetary Affairs)

Ongoing Monitoring (Review as necessary)

1. Provost's web site – posting of T&P rules. (G. Cohen)
2. Archiving FS data (Isaac)

Other Committee Items (Review as necessary)

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