

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Meramec/Gasconade Room, Havener Center

Present: S.N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, Michael Davis, Steve Grant, Uday Guntupalli, K.M. Isaac, Gearoid MacSithigh, Scott Miller, Keith Nisbett, Paul Parris
Michael Davis chaired the meeting since K.M. Isaac had to leave early.

1. Approval of Tuesday, November 8, 2011, RP&A Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of an item on student grievance process.

2. Approval of Tuesday, October 11, 2011 RP&A Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Chancellor search (Isaac)

K.M. Isaac reported on the current status of the search.

4. China University Program (Davis)

Michael Davis reported on the status of the proposed program. The proposal has been delayed for one semester.

A sub-committee was appointed at the October 2011 RP&A meeting to recommend an appropriate structure and charge for a Faculty Senate special committee to consider general guidelines for offering S&T degrees at other locations. The sub-committee did not meet since no one was designated to call the meeting. Keith Nisbett will call the first sub-committee meeting.

5. NTT Faculty and Faculty Senate voting rights (Davis)

Michael Davis requested clarification on a question raised at IFC regarding Faculty Senate voting rights for non-tenure track (NTT) faculty. The by-laws indicate General Faculty members are eligible to vote for, be elected to, and to serve on Faculty Senate. The General Faculty includes non-tenure track full-time faculty members with rank of instructor or above.

6. Faculty Senate Committee rules (Davis)

No action.

7. Performance Funding (Davis)

Michael Davis reported on an initiative from the governor of Missouri to establish some performance funding for a portion of any funding beyond the baseline budget for all state educational institutions. Some questions were raised and discussed. Clarifications will be sought, and concerns expressed as necessary to the chancellor and the IFC.

- 8. A replacement for Mary Ellen Kirgan (retired) on the Committee for Effective Teaching (Miller)**
Scott Miller requested clarification on the process to replace Mary Ellen Kirgan on the CET committee. It was decided that the Math chair should report a new member to the CET chair and the Faculty Senate President.
- 9. A discussion of the Academic Forgiveness Policy (attached) from the Registrar's office through the Retention Committee (Miller).**
The proposed policy was referred to both the Academic Standards committee and the Curricula committee.
- 10. Student Grievance Process**
Debra Robinson had requested from RP&A a recommendation for ten faculty members to serve on a Student Grievance Committee. It was determined to request nominations from department chairs, and from the Student Affairs committee, the Student Conduct committee, and the Student Scholastic Appeals committee.
- 11. FS meeting agenda for November 17, 2011**
The agenda was prepared and approved.
- 12. Scheduled RP&A Meeting times and locations for this year.**
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- 13. Adjourn**

Referrals Ongoing

Ongoing Monitoring (Review as necessary)

1. VPAA SB 389 Committee (L. Haynes)
2. Provost's web site – posting of T&P rules. (G. Cohen)
3. Archiving FS data (Isaac)

Other Committee Items (Review as necessary)

1. Academic Integrity (Academic Freedom & Standards) (Waiting for IFC progress)

Scheduled RP&A meeting times and locations 2011-1012

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, September 6, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, October 11, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, December 13, 2011 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, January 10, 2012 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 7, 2012 (Silver & Gold)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (Silver & Gold)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, April 10, 2012 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, June 5, 2012 (Silver & Gold)