

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 10, 2012  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Meramec/Gasconade Room, Havener Center

Present: S.N. Balakrishnan, Mariesa Crow, Michael Davis, Mojtaba Fallahpour, Steve Grant, K.M. Isaac, Gearoid MacSithigh, Keith Nisbett, Daniel Tauritz

1. Approval of Tuesday, April 10, 2012 RP&A Agenda  
The agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of Tuesday, February 28, 2012 RP&A Meeting Minutes  
The minutes were approved with the deletion of one sentence of a commentary nature.
3. Chancellor motions (Davis)  
A motion was approved for Michael Davis to draft a letter of appreciation for Kent Wray's service as Interim Chancellor, to be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
4. Domestic Partner Benefits (Balakrishnan, Isaac, Nisbett)  
The UM President has requested that our campus provide an opinion on providing domestic partner benefits. RP&A approved by email to invite Leona Rubin from UM-Columbia to provide background on the issue at the April 19 Faculty Senate meeting. Daniel Tauritz moved for RP&A to bring a motion to the next Faculty Senate meeting regarding the issue. After some friendly amendments, the resolution was worded as follows:  
  
*Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology recommends that domestic partners, both same-sex and opposite-sex, of University of Missouri employees be allowed access in a fiscally responsible manner to all of the same rights, privileges, and benefits to which opposite-sex spouses currently are entitled.*  
  
The motion passed by a vote of 5 aye and 3 nay.
5. Student Council Report  
No action
6. Tenure/Promotion (Crow)  
Mariesa Crow reported that the Tenure committee had been asked by Phil Whitefield to provide a recommendation regarding how to handle when members of the campus Promotion and Tenure committee are not able to be present at meetings. The Tenure committee will move the following motion at the next Faculty Senate meeting:

*All members of the campus review committee must attend the review meeting in person or be represented by their departmentally elected alternate. If no alternate is available, the unavailable member may give their proxy to another voting member of the committee.*

7. FS Officer nominations (Davis, Balakrishnan)  
Michael Davis reported that Melanie Mormille has agreed to be nominated as Parliamentarian. Mark Fitch will be returning from sabbatical and he will re-enter the officer sequence. Michael Davis will check with Mark Fitch and Martin Bohner regarding acceptability of Mark Fitch moving up to vice-president and Martin Bohner moving up to secretary.
8. FS Committee nominations (Davis)  
Michael Davis reported that nominations have been received from 12 out of 19 departments. Faculty Senate committee elections will be included on the agenda of the June meeting.
9. FS Committee restructuring. Intellectual Property / Technology Transfer (Isaac).  
K.M. Isaac gave a brief update.
10. Approval of FS meeting agenda for April 19, 2012  
The agenda was prepared and approved.
11. Scheduled RP&A Meeting  
Times and locations for this year were noted in the distributed agenda.
12. Adjourn  
The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.