

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 10, 2012
2:30 – 4:30 PM
Meramec/Gasconade Room, Havener Center

Present: Levent Acar, S. N. Balakrishnan, John Bax, Martin Bohner, Katie Burns, Michael Davis, Mark Fitch, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Melanie Mormile, Daniel Tauritz, David Wright

1. Approval of Monday, December 10, 2012, RP&A Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of Monday, November 5, 2012, RP&A Meeting Minutes

The minutes were slightly changed (texts of items 1 and 2 were switched) and approved.

3. IT and ITCC Issues (Balakrishnan)

S. N. Balakrishnan asked for comments about the issues raised at the end of the last Faculty Senate Meeting. Levent Acar expressed his concern on how Information Technology handles problems experienced by the S&T Faculty. He remarked that he experienced that whenever there is a problem related to IT, IT is solving this problem by cutting the corresponding support. He feels that IT is not responding appropriately to the needs of the S&T Faculty. S. N. Balakrishnan remarked that ITCC could work with IT to solve the concerns. John Bax (CIO & Associate Vice President of Information Technology) commented that IT is doing its very best to interact with ITCC. He said that he is here today because he does want to learn more about the needs of the S&T Faculty. He explained the problem that occurred in October (spam and phishing attacks) and commented that this problem was not S&T related but a problem that affected all e-mail providers around the globe. Some discussion between Levent Acar and John Bax followed. John Bax questioned whether IT has done the correct decision concerning informing the S&T Faculty about this particular problem that occurred in October and he apologized and promised in the future to be concerned more about the needs of the S&T Faculty. Further related questions by Katie Burns and Daniel Tauritz were addressed by John Bax. S. N. Balakrishnan extended an invitation to John Bax to attend the Faculty Senate Meetings. The discussion about ITCC was postponed to January.

4. UM Press Advisory Committee Update (Fitch)

Mark Fitch gave an update on the proceedings of the UM Press Committee.

5. Name Change Forms (Davis)

The committee discussed the fact that the Name Change forms do not have a line for an upper administrator. No action was taken.

6. Scheduled RP&A Meeting Times and Locations for 2013

The remaining scheduled meeting times as shown in the following were reaffirmed.
2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, January 14, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)

2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, February 11, 2013 (Toomey 140)
2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, March 11, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)
2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, April 18, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)
2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, May 6, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)
2:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday, June 10, 2013 (Meramec/Gasconade)

7. New Business

A motion was made, seconded and approved to add a permanent RP&A agenda item for New Business.

S. N. Balakrishnan reported on the Board of Curators meeting.

S. N. Balakrishnan reported on a request from the Bookstore to have an event for faculty members. No official action was taken by the committee, but it was suggested to the Bookstore that an event would be fine, but not to expect too many faculty to attend.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was entertained, seconded, and approved.