

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Meramec/Gasconade room, Havener Center

Members present: Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Mark Fitch, Barbara Hale, Melanie Mormile, Thomas Schuman, and Daniel Tauritz

1. *Approval of June 10, 2014, RP&A Agenda*

The minutes were amended to include approval of the April 8, 2014 RP&A Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

2. *Approval of May 6, 2014, RP&A Meeting Minutes*

The minutes were approved after a typographical error (Promotion and Tenure (Policy) Committee instead of Promotion and Tenure (Policy) Committe) was corrected.

*Approval of April 8, 2014 RP&A Meeting Minutes.*

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. *NTT Guidelines (L. Acar, Personnel Committee)*

Acar reported on the recommendations made by the Personnel Committee regarding NTT policies. The committee focused on the procedures for hiring, promotion, and termination of NTT faculty. The committee did not address NTT faculty role in department chair searches. The committee concurred that the steps involved to hire, promote, and terminate the NTT faculty were not in balance with each other. Currently, there are many more steps involved in the hiring and promotion of NTTs than there are for termination. The committee recommended that the steps for hiring and promotion to be less cumbersome. Some specific recommendations included that the requirement for the Ph.D. degree be loosened for some positions and modifications made to the hiring criteria to distinguish between teaching and research NTTs. In addition, if a NTT faculty member satisfies the requirements provided for promotion, they should not have to under take a process similar to the promotion process for the regular faculty. For termination, the NTT faculty should receive a reason for the termination. The committee emphasized that long-term strategic goals be handled by regular faculty and some short-term strategic goals can be handled by NTT faculty.

Discussion ensued.

It was recommended that a resolution be drafted and presented at the next regular Faculty Senate meeting to propose that the University System consider a change to the CRR regarding NTT faculty.

4. *Special Faculty Senate Meeting (M. Fitch)*

Mark Fitch reported on the motion to be presented during the special Faculty Senate meeting to be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014. Discussion ensued.

5. *New Business*

Faculty Senate received a request from the Provost ~~was made~~ to associate the Military Science minor with ~~the a-specific D~~ Discipline Specific Curricula Committee (DSCC) for the Social Sciences on campus. This will be placed as New Business on the agenda for the next regular Faculty Senate meeting.

The agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting was discussed and approved.

6. *Adjourn*

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM