

Rules, Procedures and Agenda (RP&A) Committee
Minutes
Thursday, October 31, 2013

Members present: Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, Mark Fitch, Steven Grant, Melanie Mormile, and Daniel Tauritz

1. Approval of October 31, 2013 RP&A Agenda

Approved.

2. Approval of Tuesday, October 8, 2013 RP&A Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as corrected.

3. On-Campus versus Off-Campus Degree Requirements (Tauritz)

Discussion ensued in regards to how this impacts academic and degree standards. Mark Fitch mentioned that the Missouri Higher Education Commission has a policy where degrees that claim to be the same should have the same requirements. Mark stated that he would e-mail Christa Weisbrook, Director of Academic Programs, University of Missouri System, to inquire about this. Further discussion led to all in the room agreeing that there actually are two different questions being addressed. The questions are 1) Can hours be different on degrees that are supposed to be the same, and 2) If hours are the same, can the degrees have different course requirements? Mark Fitch moved to refer these two questions to the Academic Freedoms and Standards Committee. It was approved. Balakrishnan also remarked that the Graduate Council should be aware of these questions and stated that he would bring them up at the next scheduled meeting.

4. Fleshing Out the BS Requirements in the Undergraduate Catalog (Tauritz)

Mark Fitch made a motion that RP&A refers a consideration for a revision of the description of the BS standards, as in comparison to the BA standards, in the Undergraduate Course Catalog, to the Academic Freedoms and Standards Committee. It was approved.

5. Moving Homecoming Date (Burken)

This will be brought to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

6. Begin the Process to Draft Changes to the CRR in anticipation of Deans (Fitch)

Balakrishnan made a motion that in anticipation of the return of Deans to the Missouri S&T campus, an ad hoc committee be formed to identify the places in the CRRs' text where Deans need to be added again. The motion was approved. The Tenure Committee

will also be asked to consider revising the CRRs in regards to the role that Deans play in the Promotion and Tenure process.

7. Are Standing Committees = Committee of the Assembly under Roberts Rules (i.e. Second Required on Motions)? Perhaps a Motion form RP&A to Formalize Status (Fitch)

Steve Grant looked into this in the bylaws, in his role as Parliamentarian. He found that this was not addressed. Mark Fitch made the motion that RP&A approves the following resolution: Be it resolved that motions from standing committees require no second. The motion was approved.

8. Revision of Bylaws or a Resolution to Formally Allow Substitutions for Members at Meetings (Fitch)

Mark Fitch suggested that Steve Grant, in his role as Parliamentarian, draft a statement that can address and formalize how substitute Faculty Senators are handled.

9. Approval of FS Meeting Agenda for November 14, 2013

Approved.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

Referrals Ongoing

1. NTT Guidelines

Levent Acar reported on this referral to the Personnel Committee. It was discussed that the NTT Guidelines provide unreasonable requirements for promotion. The requirements take too long for positions that are considered to be temporary. First, it was suggested that the hiring process be streamlined. Second, promotion should also be streamlined and the promotion decisions be made when a NTT faculty member comes to their re-appointment date. Furthermore, there are no procedures in place for termination of NTT faculty. It is requested that documentation is provided to the terminated NTT faculty member providing the reasons for termination.

11. Adjourn

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