

Minutes
Meeting of the Rules Committee
December 10, 2010, 11:30 p.m., Room 104 Melson

The meeting was called to order by Aanstoos at 11:30

Present: Aanstoos, Aldrich, Cramer, DeFoor, Hoff, Huff, Ponder, Ringlaben, Simpson, Stanfield

Absent: Best, Kim

1. Aanstoos introduced two new attendees: Provost Peter Hoff and Senate Chair Chris Hoff. Provost Hoff will be replacing Michael Aldrich, who is leaving UWG at the end of this semester. Michael Aldrich's extensive and valued service to the committee was gratefully acknowledged.
2. The minutes of the November 19, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously with no changes.
3. Aanstoos reported on the President's proposals concerning the consultation issues, and moved that these be approved by the committee and forwarded to the Senate. These included:
 - a. to clarify the meaning of the consultative role of the faculty in shared governance
 - b. to recommend that the Senate Chair be on the President's Advisory Committee
 - c. to provide support for the Chair of the SenateThe motion was approved unanimously. (See appendix for motions.)
4. Aanstoos reported on the disposition of the Committee's proposals at the preceding Faculty Senate meeting, noting that three were approved:
 - a. to allow for the re-election of Senators
 - b. to delete the reference to a non-existing "Planning Council"
 - c. to assign the Senate Chair as the UWG rep on the USG Faculty CouncilTwo were brought back to the committee for further work:
 - a. to revise the allocation of Senators
 - b. to define the Executive CommitteeThese two proposals were discussed and modified, and then the committee voted to send the modified proposals back to Senate. (See appendix for motions.)
5. Proposals concerned with revision of the Senate committees were discussed (RCP 2, 10, 26). A decision was deferred to the next meeting, with the stipulation that further consultation with President Sethna would take place in the interim.
6. The proposal to revise the definition of a quorum for general faculty meetings (RCP 7) was discussed. This discussion included possible revisions to the process of amending the *Policies* and *Bylaws* (RCP 25). A decision was deferred to the next meeting, with the stipulation that committee members would in the meantime discuss the idea of modifying the voting procedure to allow for voting by general faculty by means other than at meetings.
7. The Committee voted to defer further consideration of the remaining agenda items to the next meeting.
8. The committee agreed to schedule its next meeting for Friday, January 12, at 2:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:16.

APPENDIX

Motions Approved

To specify the meaning of consultation

MOTION: To clarify and improve the consultative role of the faculty in the shared governance of the university, it is recommended that the *Policies and Procedures* be revised as follows (highlighted material = additions; strikethrough material = deletions):

Article I, Section 1,F:

The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

Article II, Section 1,D:

The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

Article III, Section 1,F:

The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

Article III, Section 2,D:

The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

To provide support for the Chair of the Senate

MOTION: To amend the *Policies and Procedures*, Article IV, Section 2,B by the addition of a new point, as follows (highlighted material = additions):

4. Support

To support the effective carrying out of his or her duties, in due recognition of the time commitment of such service, the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall receive reassigned time of one-course per semester or the equivalent. In consultation with the individual's supervisors up through the level of the Provost, there may be an alternative of an equivalent stipend. In the case of reassigned time, the Chair's home department shall be compensated by an amount sufficient to hire a part-time instructor to fill the gap left by the course release.

To include the Senate Chair on the PAC

MOTION: To accept the proposal of the President to include the Chair of the Senate among those who shall be invited to participate in meetings of the President's Advisory Committee.

To revise the allocation of Senators

MOTION: to replace Article IV, Section 2,A,5 of the *Policies and Procedures* with the following:

Forty-five duly elected senators, apportioned as follows: College of Arts and Humanities, thirteen, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; College of Social Science, six, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; College of Science and Mathematics, nine, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; Richards College of Business, five, including one elected by each of its departments, and the rest elected by the college at large; College of Education, eight, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; the School of Nursing, two, elected by the School at large; the Library, two, elected by the Library at large. Should any department fail to elect a Senator in an election cycle for which it has a vacancy, that vacancy will be added to the at-large pool for its college for that election.

To further define the role of the Executive Committee

MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section 2,E of the *Policies and Procedures* with the following:

- E. The Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate shall include an Executive Committee with the following functions and composition.
1. **Functions.** The Executive Committee shall have broad responsibility for:
 - a. planning and facilitating the activities of the Senate, including the following functions: assign senators to Senate standing committees and subcommittees; create *ad hoc* Senate committees and assign senators; assign senators to such non-senate university committees, task forces and search committees as may be needed; propose any legislation to the Senate the Executive Committee may deem appropriate.
 - b. appointing an *ad hoc* elections committee to oversee the election of the officers of the Senate, including receiving nominations, organizing and supervising elections, monitoring compliance, adjudicating challenges, and certifying the results.
 - c. interviewing candidates for university-wide positions and provide evaluations to the appropriate search committees.
 2. **Composition.** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the chairs of the Senate standing committees, the Chair of the Senate, the Past Chair of the Senate, the Executive Secretary of the Senate, the President of the University, and the Provost of the University.