

Minutes
Meeting of the Rules Committee
April 15, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 104 Melson

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Aanstoos.

Present: Aanstoos, Crager, DeFoor, Kim, Ponder, Ringlaben, Simpson

Absent: Best, Stanfield

1. The minutes of the April 8, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously without amendment.
2. The proposal to clarify the authority of the President to terminate faculty as specified in the *Statutes*, Art. V, Sec. 3 (RCP 37) was discussed, and then withdrawn.
3. The proposal of editorial change to the *Policies and Procedures* needed to reflect newly adopted rule to have the Secretary of General Faculty now serve as the Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate (RCP 38) was discussed and approved.
4. The proposal of editorial changes needed to committee names in the *Faculty Handbook* (RCP 40) was discussed and approved.
5. The proposal prepared by the XIDS program (RCP 39) was discussed. It was decided: 1) with respect to the request for a new standing committee of the Senate, to recommend to the Senate that the Undergraduate Programs Committee form a standing subcommittee on Interdisciplinary programs; 2) with respect to the new program in interdisciplinary studies, to recommend that this proposal be taken under review by the Undergraduate Programs Committee.
6. The proposal to provide an annual budget for the Senate committee responsible for awarding of faculty research grants (RCP 20) was discussed and tabled.
7. The proposal for collaboration between Faculty Senate and Staff Advisory Council (RCP 21) was discussed. It was decided to recommend to the Senate that the Chair of the Senate should be the liaison between the Faculty Senate and the Staff Advisory Council, and work collaboratively with the Staff Advisory Council in support of their agenda.
8. The proposal to codify resolution when college and university bylaws conflict (RCP 23) was discussed and was folded into the *Protocols of the Senate*.
9. *The Protocols of the Senate* (RCP 17) were discussed and final modifications were proposed and accepted. Following that, the *Protocols* document was approved.
10. Farewells were warmly exchanged for a year's work extraordinarily well-done.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

POSTSCRIPT: This being the final meeting of the year for the Rules Committee, these Minutes were subsequently approved by email.