Minutes
Meeting of the Rules Committee
September 24, 2010

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

Present: Aanstoos, Aldrich, Best, Crager, DeFoor, Kim, Ponder, Simpson
Absent: none

1. The minutes of the August 27, 2010 meeting were approved with no changes.

2. Announcements.

   Aanstoos summarized his meetings with the COAS Executive Committee, the COAS Faculty
   Advisory Committee, President Sethna, and Provost Hoff concerning issues before the Rules
   Committee. The question was posed of asking President Sethna to participate in a committee
   meeting, and it was agreed to invite him to do so.

3. Old Business:

   All items of old business were tabled until next meeting to allow time to discuss the items of
   new business.

4. New Business:

   A. ACTION ITEM: To recommend to the Senate a policy that the current COAS senators,
      in light of the disbandment of COAS, have their terms limited to the end of the 2010-
      2011 academic year. This item was approved unanimously as a recommendation of the
      Committee to the Faculty Senate.

   B. The question of who is to be considered “faculty” for the sake of the apportionment of
      Senators was discussed. Discussion also included the question of who should be eligible
      to serve on Faculty Senate. A consensus emerged that only those members of the general
      faculty who are eligible to vote in meetings of the general faculty should be considered
      eligible to serve in Faculty Senate. It was agreed that a proposal codifying this
      understanding would be presented for a vote at the next meeting of the Rules
      Committee.

   C. The question of whether the Senate should recommend a revision to the definition of a
      “quorum” for general faculty meetings was discussed. Consensus focused on redefining
      the meanings of “meeting” and/or “voting” so as to include the possibility of electronic
      balloting. A decision was deferred to the next meeting of the Rules Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.