Minutes
Meeting of the Rules Committee
August 27, 2010
Room 104 Melson
2:00 p.m.

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

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

1. As the inaugural meeting of the Rules Committee, the members introduced themselves, then
the committee agreed to:
   a. aim as much as possible toward consensus, with majority votes to break deadlocks
   b. meet monthly, on the last Friday of each month, at 2:00 p.m. in 104 Melson Hall.
   c. hold meetings to 90 minutes

2. A motion was made for approval of a draft mission statement for the Rules Committee. (see
Appendix 1). Following discussion, it was proposed to table further discussion until next
meeting, and this was agreed by unanimous consent.

3. The committee began its initial consideration concerning reapportionment of Senators in light
of the breakup of the College of Arts and Sciences and the reorganization of the College of
Education. This discussion was a wide-ranging “brainstorming” opportunity to consider
possible ways to provide for the most optimal representativeness of the Senate. Following
discussion, it was proposed to table further discussion until next meeting, and this was agreed
by unanimous consent.

4. The committee began its initial consideration of possible revisions to the standing committees
of the Senate. This discussion was a wide-ranging “brainstorming” opportunity to consider
possible ways to provide for the most optimal effectiveness of the Senate. Following
discussion, it was proposed to table further discussion until next meeting, and this was agreed
by unanimous consent.

5. The committee began its initial consideration of possible clarification to the meaning of the
“consultative” role of the faculty in administrative decisions. This discussion was a wide-
ranging “brainstorming” opportunity to consider possible ways to provide for the most optimal
role of the faculty in university governance. Following discussion, it was proposed to table
further discussion until next meeting, and this was agreed by unanimous consent.

6. The committee began its initial consideration of possible changes to the By-Laws that
will be needed to bring them into conformity with changes made last year to the Policies and
Procedures manual. Following discussion, it was proposed to table further discussion until
next meeting, and this was agreed by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.