

Minutes
Faculty Senate Rules Committee
January 15, 2015

Members Present:

Patrick Erben (Chair), Yun-Jo An, Mary Bishop, Yvonne Fuentes, Linda Haynes, Tom Jennings, Jeong-Hyun Kang, Diana Mindrila, Jane Simpson

The Faculty Senate Rules Committee met on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. in TLC 2237.

Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on October 23, 2014 were approved.

Policy for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect

Faculty Senate approved the Faculty Senate Chair-Elect position on April 18, 2014, and the Rules Committee was asked to develop a description of the responsibilities for the Chair-Elect. Linda Haynes shared a draft produced by the Rules Committee last year.

The Rules Committee members discussed the responsibilities for the Chair-Elect and where to insert the new information. In terms of the order, it was agreed that the Chair-Elect should come after the Chair of the Senate. In order to make it clear that the Chair-Elect is not a separate position, the Rules Committee members decided to add the Term of Office section with the four-year commitment information right after the Election of the Chair of the Faculty Senate section.

Recommended Modification and Clarifications regarding XIDS Course Review Process

Patrick Erben provided a copy of the “*Recommended modification and clarifications regarding XIDS course review process*” submitted by Michael Hester to the Rules Committee on December 2, 2014. The Rules Committee members requested additional clarifications and/or changes for section 4 (XIDS Review Committee), specifically

- a) Its status as a committee to be housed in the College of Honors and Transdisciplinary Programs, and as a result, its relationship to the UPC. E.g. the current proposal’s idea of the UPC designating one of its members as a liaison is not clear. Is this basically an advisory and consulting role?
- b) The idea to have the faculty member proposing an XIDS course selecting which of the college representatives on the XIDS Review Committee are appropriate decision-makers seems to contradict the notion of transdisciplinarity and unnecessarily inserts uncertainty about the respective review process into the system. We would advise deleting this stipulation and requiring that the entire XIDS Review Committee reviews each proposal.
- c) We recommend making the XIDS director/committee chair a permanent voting member of the committee, rather than saying “when appropriate.”

The committee charged Patrick Erben with relaying the recommendations to Mike Hester and Andy Walter.

Tabled Agenda Items

The agenda for the Rules Committee meeting on January 15, 2015 included an action item related to the Shared Governance Document. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Action Items

1.

The proposed changes to the “Policies and Procedures” of the University of West Georgia will be submitted to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

Person Responsible: Patrick Erben

2.

Review the Shared Governance Document.

Person Responsible: All Rules Committee Members

Resources

Link to *Policies and Procedures of the University of West Georgia*

<http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/PoliciesProcedures15June2012.pdf>

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