

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
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Next, 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.