

Minutes of the Rules Committee Meeting, January 31, 2003

The meeting convened at 10:15ish. Present: Roland Chilton, Jenny Spencer, Arthur Kinney, Ernest May, Brian O'Connor, Dick Bogartz, Janice Irvine

The minutes of the meeting of December 5 were unanimously approved.

The agenda for the February 13 Faculty Senate meeting was discussed, particularly President Bulger's visit and address to the Senate. No topic has yet been announced by Bulger's office. A lively discussion ensued about how to conduct the meeting and various internal political issues.

The Special Report of the Health Council will be presented at the February 13 meeting. Ernie will make an effort to publicize this in the Chronicle. Roland stressed the need for debate over the proposed policy to expand non-smoking areas on campus. The Committee discussed the Senate's role in this policy, with eventual agreement that if the administration does not reject the Senate recommendation/vote within 20 days, it passes.

There is a need to revise the constitution to conform to new revisions of the by-laws which change the size of the Faculty Senate. In his absence, and unable to defend himself, we nominated Jerry to work with Ernie on drafting a proposal.

The agenda for the February 3 meeting with the Administration was discussed. In particular, we prioritized the discussion about faculty searches, possible hiring freeze, and budget cuts.

A motion was made, and approved, to convene the Rules Committee meetings at 9:00 a.m. for the rest of the semester. This will carry unless one of the members who was not present has a conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Submitted by,

Janice Irvine