

Minutes  
Rules Committee  
January 18, 2013

Present: Adrion, Bartolomeo, Billings, Butterfield, May, Peterson, O'Connor, Whitehead

Guests: Priscilla Clarkson, Dean, Commonwealth Honors College  
Richard Bogartz, Professor of Psychology  
Frank Hugus, Professor of German and Scandinavian Studies  
Max Page, Professor of Art, Architecture and Art History

The committee approved the minutes of three of its prior meetings.

New Business:

Remarks by the Chancellor were added to agenda for the January 31 meeting of the Senate.

Item H1 on the draft agenda for the 31<sup>st</sup> will be delayed until a later date. The item includes a special report re the creation of an ad hoc committee to be called the Joint Task Force on Online and Blended Learning, and a motion to accomplish its creation. The purpose of the delay is to allow the time for further discussion of the precise scope and precise mission of such a group.

Acting for the full Senate during the intersession, the committee voted in favor of item 4 on its agenda, an action item to divide the Department of Finance and Operations & Information Management into two departments: a Finance Department, and an Operations & Information Management Department.

The committee approved additions to committees and councils of the Faculty Senate. It also noted the filling of a number of Senate vacancies.

Dean Priscilla Clarkson briefed the committee on the residential community that will soon be a feature of the Commonwealth Honors College. This new dormitory complex will house a portion of the students who are enrolled in the Honors College. It will also be open on a space-available basis to students who are not enrolled in the Honors College. Dean Clarkston intends to urge any and all students to feel more than welcome to use the coffee shop and the reading rooms and the outdoor spaces that will be located in or near the complex.

Three faculty senators asked that a motion that they have developed re FBS football be placed on the agenda for the January 31 meeting. In December, the Rules Committee sent the motion to several of its councils and committees to get their consideration and assessment. It also sent the motion to the SGA and the Alumni Association. At that time, the intent of the Rules Committee was to receive these assessments before the motion came to the floor for a vote. After its discussion with the three senators, and some changes in the wording of the motion, the committee placed it on the agenda for January 31.

Ralph Whitehead, Jr.