

Rules Committee Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2013

Attending: Ernie May, Tony Butterfield, MJ Peterson, Steven D. Brewer, Richard Bogartz, Ralph Whitehead, Rick Adrion, Brian O'Connor, Marilyn Billings

Guests: Mike Malone, Jim Roche, Suzanne Peters, Carol Barr, Rebecca Spencer

Mike Malone: Presentation of Life Sciences Research & Innovation (originally from May 29th to life science board). First pitch failed. Second pitch: \$300k to engage co-bio to develop proposal. Fall 2012: Meetings with CEOs, CTOs, etc. Round 2 Winter, 2013: 50 meetings with faculty followed by feedback from industry. March 2013, Round 3: refining ideas. May 2013: MLSC Reviews. Success.

Suzanne Peters and Jim Roche: Financial Aid Update. Three kinds of financial aid (totality of funds that come through financial aid office, based on fall2012): 43% grants and scholarships, 2% workstudy, and 55% loans. This doesn't include activity that students/parents undertake on their own. Distinction made between "funded" and "unfunded": funded means actual donated money, rather than "unfunded", i.e., waived or foregone revenue through reduced charges to students. Merit "unfunded" is largely given to out-of-state students where the University will still make money over the cost charged to an in-state student. University currently reaching saturation point on these students (where the costs to attract students equal to the value from bringing them). Out of state students more likely to receive merit -- in-state students more likely to receive needs-based. We are challenged to compete on a merit-based scholarship perspective because we've chosen to invest the money in need-based assistance. Noticed low yield in diverse middle-class group and used \$3000 scholarship to increase yields in those groups.

Carol Barr and Rebecca Spencer: Registration Appointment Modification (RAM). Provost can decide with "consultation with the Faculty Senate."

Moved from Whitmore 370 to 358.

Approval of minutes: Rick Adrion was in attendance. Bogartz mentioned he had proposed beginning Faculty Senate meetings with a reading of a short poem. Add "coordinating" after Jim K and Marilyn, re: MOOCs. Minutes approved as amended.

Discussion of RAM resumed.

Bogartz moves that "On our basis of consultation with the provost, we recommend that the ability on the part of student athletes with respect to off-season priority, be aligned with their on-season priority, be adopted". Tony Butterfield seconds. Motion adopted unanimously.

Engineering proposes to approve pass/fail language for engineering majors. After discussion, Ernie will investigate what the underlying issue was and, without further clarification, the issue will be referred to the academic-matters council for further study.

Program revisions for Political Science and Nutrition to Academic Matters Council.

Discussion of redistricting postponed.

Discussion of policy on credits and degrees. We began by increasing the number of credits for Gen Ed classes. We are encouraging departments to realign the number of courses and credits required for their major. New forms of certification challenge our existing model of accreditation. Brian and Ernie suggest we replace/update our policy on credits and degrees with the federal language as expressed by NEASC and retains some of our existing modifications.

Discussion of CIO candidates: search committee will receive comments by noon today and issue final report on Thursday.