

Rules Committee Minutes
August 27, 2013

Attendees: Rick Adrion, Marilyn Billings, Steve Brewer, Dick Bogartz, Jim Kurose, Ernie May, MJ Peterson

1. Minutes of July 8 approved with slight revisions.

2. Faculty Senate agenda items:

A. Welcome and comments by Chancellor Subbaswamy

B. Announcements

C. 10 minute question period limit – We will do away with this limit to facilitate discussion. The chair is responsible for managing this.

We need to be more systematic about a consolidated agenda - a matter of parliamentary procedure. We're trying to facilitate, not obstruct, work of Faculty Senate.

D. Motion of appreciation - MJ and Ralph are working on this motion.

Title change: Motion of Appreciation to those involved in securing the first installment of the 50/50 plan.

E. Action items from Summer 2013 will be read in one motion

F. Elections

Secretary's Notes - Ernie will mention these elections and put out "call for nominations" that will be accepted both before the meeting (specifying due date to have name included on agenda) and on the floor of the Faculty Senate on Sept 12.

Discussion items:

3. A. Program revisions:

1. Admission to Chemical Engineering Major - to AMC

2. Admission to Civil Engineering Major - to AMC

The goal of the two above revisions is to regularize their processes across Engineering departments.

3. Senior year Electrical Engineering and Computer Systems Engineering - to AMC

4. 4+1 early starting MS in Epidemiology – There's a short cut process for these 4+1s on Faculty Senate website - accelerated master's programs - program revision – to AMC, Grad Council

New Center:

Amherst Center for Fundamental Interactions - Research Council, PBC, APC

3. B Reception after Sept 12? Decided no. Last year was for new Chancellor.

3.C Speakers for future meetings: Stan Rosenberg, Strategic planning (Nov); RCM experiences in higher education - explaining facts of this type of budgeting model.

Discussion on technology and use in curriculum (CTFD, NACB, campus and online programs)

3. D Priorities for Faculty Senate in 2013-14 – deferred

3. E Rules meeting future agenda items:

Talk with Research Council chair (policy, communication, Huron Report). Other topics:

Center for Teaching's future

New budget model

MOOCs

Strategic planning

Open Access, open education

Review of Vice Chancellors - survey will come out from Chancellor's Office (Malone, Staros)

PBC and Rules meeting about RCM after leadership retreat later this week.

3. F. Proposed bylaw changes - will introduce in Oct., read in Nov., vote in Dec. Process has been started re "Conduct of Meetings" handout distributed by Ernie.

1-1-5 - amend to delete "Not withstanding Robert's Rules of Order" because that's already indicated in 1-1-1 "except as hereinafter provided" phrase.

3. G Concern and discussion: to increase at large members on Rules Committee to reflect all academic areas of the campus - members of Rules Committee reflect concerns of the campus, not just their departments. Does increasing the number by 1 solve anything? To ensure representation from Colleges and Professional Schools? It has been balanced over time so we will leave as is.

Reminder to be transparent about our processes, elections.