

Minutes

Meeting of the Rules Committee October 29, 2010, 2:00 p.m. Room 104 Melson Hall

The meeting was called to order by Aanstoos at 2:00

Present: Aanstoos, Aldrich, Best, Crager, DeFoor, Ponder, Ringlaben, Stanfield

Absent: Kim, Simpson

1. The minutes of the September 22, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously with no changes.
2. The Committee met with President Sethna to discuss the issue of the “consultative” role of the faculty in shared governance. This discussion included a review of recent decisions and of possible means that could be developed to enhance collaboration.
3. The Committee discussed the proposed clarification to the meaning of the “consultative” role of the faculty in shared governance. The Committee decided to seek further input from President Sethna and present to the Senate an “Information Item” to solicit its counsel.
4. The Committee discussed the proposal to recommend that Senate leaders serve on the major administrative councils. The Committee decided to seek comment from the Vice-Presidents about it; and present to the Senate an “Information Item” to solicit its counsel.
5. The Committee discussed the proposal to compensate Senate leaders either by reassigned time or by a stipend. The Committee decided to present its current version of this proposal to the Senate as an “Information Item” to solicit its counsel.
6. The Committee discussed various options to apportion senators. The Committee found a consensus for the following:
Each college, the School of Nursing and the Library shall be allocated the number of senators equal to 10% of their full-time faculty. The Library and the School of Nursing shall elect their senators at large. For the colleges, each department within a college first elects one senator, and then the remaining senators are elected at-large by the college.
The Committee decided to: a) seek viewpoints from the general faculty about this proposal via the ALL-FACULTY listserv; and b) present this proposal to the Senate as an “Information Item” for the purposes of seeking its counsel.
7. The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposal to revise Senate committees. A decision was tabled to the next meeting.
8. Without objection, the Committee decided to table the remaining agenda items until the next meeting and to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.