Regular Meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate
Monday, March 19, 2012
104 Gore Hall

Minutes

Senators and Officers Present: Kaminski, Cassman, Bellion, Payne, Noble-Harvey, Ridge, Young, Criston, Lennon, Penix-Tadsen, Montano, Heinz, Coulter, Broadnax, Morgan (for Evenson), Batchis, Skeen, Perez, Cherrin, Boyer, Gutman, Bernhardt, Haslett, McKenna, Schwartz, Seraphin, Selminov, Carlsen

ABSENT: Budani, Cotsell, Cubillos, Hanley, Okpotor

EXCUSED: Allen

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda (attachment)

   Moved, seconded, and adopted

2. Approval of Minutes from December 19 and the Results of Electronic Vote from cancelled February 2012 meeting. (attachment 1 and attachment 2)

   Moved, seconded, and adopted.

3. President’s Remarks (Tony Seraphin)

   Tribute to Fritz Szabo, the CAS Senator for Theater who passed away March 8, 2012.

4. Special Session – President Pat Harker

   President discussed diversity efforts on campus and within the college as well as the President’s Diversity Initiative. Maggie Andersen of the President’s Task Force on Diversity will speak at the April senate meeting.

5. Special Session - Lou Hirsh, Director of Admissions

   Discussed Admissions efforts to recruit and retain diverse students.

6. Unfinished business – Ad Hoc rules committee recommendation.

   Moved, seconded, and adopted:

   Proposal of Changes from December 2012 CAS FS Meeting
WHEREAS the Bylaws of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate currently have no provision for the circulation and/or publication of an agenda before its meetings, and

WHEREAS College of Arts and Sciences Faculty senators should have ample opportunity to discuss the business of the Senate with the faculty whose interests they represent, and

WHEREAS College of Arts and Sciences Faculty’s accepted practice has been to allow an elected senator simply to designate his or her alternate

BE IT RESOLVED that Section V-8 of the College Senate Bylaws should be amended to state the following: Meetings of the College Senate shall be open to all members of the University Community and invited guests. However, only elected senators or, in their absence, formally designated departmental alternates, may act in the full capacity of an official member of the College Senate.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the College of Arts and Science Faculty Senate should clarify the meaning or definition of “formally designated alternates” in the following way: an elected senator must notify—each time—in writing, for example by email, the President of the College Senate (with a written copy to the administrative coordinator in the Dean’s office) as to the name of the designated alternate to serve in place of the elected senator.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that Section V-11 of the College Senate Bylaws should be amended to state the following (to be consistent with references elsewhere in the Bylaws):

“Matters may be brought before the Senate by the Dean or at the request of any individual faculty member or group of faculty members within the College Arts and Sciences.”

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the College Senate create a small standing Rules Committee of three senators the chair of which shall serve as the parliamentarian. Bylaws like other governing rules occasionally require interpretation, and we think that a standing committee to address these interpretative issues would serve the Senate well.

7. New Business –

Item being considered for addition to the bylaws that requires further discussion and review from section V, under 14. Senate Steering Committee, add new item:
H. The Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Bylaws shall consider all suggestions for amendments to the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Bylaws made by members of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate and interpret and propose revisions to the Rules and Bylaws of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate for consideration by the Senate as per Section VII in the Bylaws. This Committee Membership shall consist of three College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senators; the committee chair, who shall be the President-Elect of the Faculty Senate, shall serve as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian and in situations when the President-Elect may be unavailable, another member of the ad hoc Committee shall serve as parliamentarian. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Faculty Senate in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the College of Arts and Sciences may adopt.