



**Rules, Practices and Policies Committee  
Minutes  
December 16, 2021**

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Present: Barald, Gant, Freeman, Kahn, Kazerooni, Maitra, Maxim, Pasquale, Schultz

Absent: Verhey

10:03 Co-Chair Bill Schultz called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee. The committee approved the agenda and minutes from November 18, 2021. Committee members introduced themselves again for those who missed introductions at the last meeting. The committee [discussed the charges approved by Senate Assembly](#).

SACUA Liaison Freeman discussed the Preamble that was added to the charge.

It was noted that items 2-4 in the charge document are about how membership in Faculty Senate may be expanded. The hope is to complete the committee's work with the fifth charge, which is to provide recommendations to SACUA.

The committee discussed the first charge about the University Senate Rules and electronic meetings. The committee discussed electronic voting. Faculty Senate Office Director Banasik confirmed that changes to the University Senate Rules are adequate to authorize the use of electronic meetings and electronic voting, and that a change to the Regents Bylaws is not necessary. Absent a vote by Faculty Senate to reject changes to the University Senate Rules, University Senate Rules that have been approved by Senate Assembly will apply to Faculty Senate as well. Changes to membership in Faculty Senate will require a change in the Regents Bylaws. Before changes to the Regents Bylaws may be requested, Faculty Senate must first approve the requested changes.

The committee discussed the ability of meeting participants to change their visible name in Zoom anonymizing comments they make in the chat. The committee discussed the use of chat in meetings, and enforcement of recommendations. It was noted that different people may have varying viewpoints about what comments are appropriate.

The committee discussed the anticipated timeline to provide recommendations. The timelines is expected to be by the end of the academic year. Senate Assembly could have the opportunity to weigh in on recommendations at its April meeting, or in May if necessary. Senate Assembly should review and vote on recommendations prior to the Fall 2022 Faculty Senate meeting when the full Faculty Senate will have the opportunity to vote on the recommendations.



10:57 Areas of Interest

The committee discussed the different charges and suggested having a Google doc for each charge where committee members may add feedback or comments.

A shared [Google drive folder](#) has been created for committee members to access a Google doc for charges 1-4 and other resources.

SACUA Liaison Freeman provided a brief update. He indicated that the Clinical Faculty Working Group is mindful of the proportionality issue if all clinical faculty join the Faculty Senate. He is hopeful that the Working Group will be able to build on the Clinical Faculty Reference Group's work.

11:02 The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

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**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 25, 10 am-11 am