Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Minutes of Meeting: 1/31/23
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Present: Bill Schultz (Co-Chair), Ella Kazerooni (Co-Chair), Meredith Kahn, Bruce Maxim, John Pasquale, Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott

Absent: None

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

10:03AM-10:07AM: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

10:08AM-10:44AM: Co-chair’s summary of discussions with Allen Liu (SACUA Chair) about voting complexity challenges, interplay between various UM committees/entities, and next steps

Summary: An overview was provided of the information disseminated by Allen Liu at the most recent Senate Assembly meeting. A brief history of this subject in UM faculty governance was discussed by Bill. An update on the most recent SACUA meeting was provided by those present.

Luke described the various classifications of employees at UM to provide more context for the conversation. A review of the Regent’s Bylaws, particularly the definitions of governing faculty was held. Utilizing this definition to guide the discussion moving forward this term was agreed upon. This transitioned into the discussion of the document to be provided to SACUA that Ella had worked on.

A distinction was made between appointment and working title.

Action: Discussion

10:44AM-11:05AM: Discussion of latest RPP poll

Summary: A discussion was held on potential tweaks to the RPP document to be provided to SACUA. The sequence of the questions was highlighted as being of the utmost importance. The questions were reviewed in detail.

Conversation regarding librarians and their appointment definition was held.

The following vote was held:

“Motion to forward Ella’s document to SACUA.”
Motion: Bruce Maxim
The motion was approved unanimously.

Luke will provide document to Allen when he meets with him on 1/31.

Action: Discussion and vote

11:05AM: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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