



Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Minutes of Meeting: 12/13/22

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Present: Bill Schultz (Co-Chair), Meredith Kahn, Ella Kazerooni (Co-Chair), Bruce Maxim,

Absent: John Pasquale, Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

10:05am-10:08am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the 11/29/22 meeting were approved.

10:08-10:20am: Review of minutes and SACUA guidance regarding minutes

Summary: SACUA members have requested more discussion in the minutes. Discussion on what needs to be in the minutes ensued. Concern; the committee wants free and open discussion. RPP decided that it is better to not attribute statements to specific members unless necessary, or requested.

Action: Discussion and approval of minutes

10:20-10:30am: Review of BTAA info provided by Allen Liu

Summary: Other institutions (Brown, MIT, Georgetown, etc.) are reviewed as well and tend to be less inclusive. Files will be provided in the RPP Google Drive.

Question posed: should we look like the BTAA peers, or other 'elite' academic institutions? Members thought that UM should make the best decision for UM. Other institutions can be used to guide the process, but the decision should fit the goals of UM.

Apportionment could be reviewed at other institutions, and could provide ideas for UM.

Action- FSO should look into BTAA and peer institution apportionment models.

Action: Discussion

10:30am-11:00am: Review of straw poll questions

Summary: A review of the questions prepared by the RPP last year and added to by the co-Chair were discussed.

Discussion points: The discussion included if terminal (non-renewable) appointments should be included. Some positions have renewable 1 year appointments. Discussion was had regarding space for emeritus faculty. Classification of votes should be considered as well. Tenure-track faculty should be the only ones voting on tenure-related issues.



Question regarding bylaw voting came up- should only tenure-track be able to suggest changes to the bylaws of Faculty senate? Luke clarification- some aspects are able to be changed by the University Senate without Regent approval.

Further review of the other potential questions. Suggestions for additions and subtractions of questions took place. Suggestion: narrowing scope of poll to focus only on University Senate membership. Senate assembly and University Senate should be considered all at once.

Discussion on some of the more narrow titles were discussed.

Forward to SACUA at this time? Consensus among the group was to pass the questions along to the Senate with the suggested changes provided throughout the meeting.

Action: Discussion. Questions to be sent for review to SACUA

11:01am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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