



Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Minutes of Meeting: 4/25/23

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

Absent: 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 March meeting were approved.

10:08am-10:27am: Senate restructuring update

Summary: Luke provided an update on the senate restructuring. The recent vote on proposal 2 by the Senate Assembly passed. A vote in late May will occur with the University Senate. There will be a meeting prior to the vote in which advocates and detractors are able to make their case for or against the membership expansion. At this time it has not been scheduled, but it will be soon.

An overview of the resolution was provided. The amendments were discussed. Luke answered various questions posed by the committee. Should the resolution pass the University Senate vote, the Regents will need to approve a change to their bylaws for these changes to go into effect. If the Regents have changes they propose, it would need to be presented to the Senate Assembly by the Chair.

Nuances regarding the potential changes were discussed, particularly regarding the library unit, as well as Dearborn and Flint.

Action: Discussion

10:27am-10:45am: Committee priorities for next academic year

Summary: Bill laid out potential topics for the upcoming academic year.

Issues regarding electronic voting were presented. The RPP role in Senate Assembly was brought up as an issue. A suggestion was made to make the RPP a permanent committee again. The importance of the RPP committee was reiterated by the FSO.

Some of the issues of the past year were discussed.

Apportionment of SACUA was brought up. Expansion of SACUA was discussed.



Issues regarding the continuity of the 3 campuses 1 university were discussed.

A request to archive changes to bylaws for the Regents, as well as the bylaws of the University Senate was suggested.

Further expansion of the faculty senate was discussed. This could include lecturers, pharmacists, emeriti, etc.

Action: Discussion

10:45am-10:55am: Committee Chairs recommendations

Summary: Volunteers to head the committee in the upcoming academic year were solicited. Others discussed ideally how the committee could be structured moving forward. Having non-senate members could provide good perspectives to this committee.

The committee was thanked for their service, and the committee was adjourned for the academic year.

Action: discussion

10:55am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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