



Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Minutes of Meeting: 4/2/24

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Present: Bruce Maxim, Dinesh Pal (Chair), Audrey Bennett, Howard Bromberg, Neil Marsh, Jonathan Brennan, Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott, Heather O'Malley (SACUA Liaison)

Absent: David Potter, Michela Russo

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

1:01pm: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the March RPP meeting were approved.

1:02pm-1:15pm: Article 2 section 3

Summary: The group decided that schools and colleges should be able to decide their own election methods that fit their needs and situations.

A discussion on alternate members is held. A point is made that having alternates elected to serve as standing alternates is good practice, as trying to find unelected alternates right before a meeting is difficult and often unsuccessful. It is suggested that a process be outlined. Various specific examples of this practice are shared.

There is a discussion about onboarding, and how more is needed for incoming Senate Assembly members. Suggestions are made for onboarding, including a one page document with some of the more salient information. The group decides to leave the section largely unchanged.

Action: discussion

1:15pm-1:42pm: Article 2 section 4

Summary: The FSO Director points out a few areas in this section that change the Regent's bylaws. The mentioned changes do not have any practical difference, but should be reconciled. Discussion takes place on quorum. The committee decides that the Senate Assembly should have some level of autonomy for determining quorum.

A discussion is held on individuals not attending committee meetings. A point is made that changes to rosters should be more flexible to allow for mid-year changes if necessary. Meeting scheduling logistics are shared.

A discussion takes place on nominating committee members. The FSO Director describes the current process for nominating members. The group decides to keep the text of this rule the same.



A question is asked about adding the parliamentarian to point 5, officers. The group decides to add a sentence to include the parliamentarian.

A discussion about who becomes Chair in SACUA is held. A discussion about potentially expanding SACUA took place. Including the immediate past chair in this section is agreed upon by the group.

Action: discussion

1:42pm-1:44pm: Article 2 section 5

Summary: There is a point made that a sentence should be added about the possibility of holding hybrid, in person, or virtual meetings.

Action: discussion

1:44pm-1:56pm: Article 3 section 1

Summary: A question about the apportionment of the faculty senate and SACUA is discussed in light of the recent expansion. Discussion about including more from the medical school and mandatory Flint and Dearborn are discussed. The group recommends that additional members of SACUA be added to increase the total membership to 13.

Action: discussion

1:56pm-2:02pm: Article 3 sections 2-4

Summary: Sections 2 and 3 are reviewed, with no terms changed. Section 4 is discussed with some of the consequences of not updating the Regent's bylaws for this section. The timing of the elections of SACUA is in conflict with the Regent's bylaws, and should be rectified.

Action: discussion

2:02pm-2:04pm: Article 3 section 5

Summary: This section is discussed with no major alterations made.

Action: discussion

2:04pm-2:09pm: Discussion

Summary: A discussion is held on the push to make this committee permanent. This will be voted on by SACUA soon. The members are thanked for their service.

Action: discussion

2:09pm: Adjournment



Respectfully submitted,

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