



Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Minutes of Meeting: 10/4/24

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Present: Audrey Bennett, Heather O'Malley (SACUA Liaison), Bruce Maxim, Dinesh Pal, David Potter, James Gulvas, Neil Marsh, Howard Bromberg

Absent: Jonathan Brennan, Lynette Hoelter, Michela Russo, Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott, Sun-Yung Bak

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

2:02pm-2:04pm: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the September RPP meeting will be reviewed next meeting.

2:04pm-2:16pm; 2:22pm-3:01pm: Review of draft changes in the senate rules

Summary: FSO Director McCarthy introduced and provided an overview of the working University Senate Rules document for the members unable to attend the first meeting of the academic year.

The definitions section, which is to be at the start of the file is discussed. Different options of formatting and style are discussed. No objections are raised to the current format proposed in the working document.

Regental bylaws are discussed. They are specially marked in the working document, with plans to include these markings in the finalized rules. The importance of this is discussed, as there are different processes that must be followed depending on if the University Senate Rule comes from the Regent's bylaw, or if it was created internally by the University Senate.

A question is raised as to whether the University Senate Rules should have a section that indicates that changes to the Regent's bylaws triggers an automatic, conforming alteration to the University Senate Rules. Discussion ensues on this topic with arguments made for and against.

Discussion of faculty governance relationship with the Regents takes place.

The section addressing officers of the University Senate now includes the parliamentarian. Language is altered regarding the Chair and Vice-Chair of SACUA.

When does the term of the Secretary start and end? A member suggests having it align with SACUA leaderships tenures. A problem is posed about having too long of tenures in these officer roles. A point is made that other offices within UM faculty governance are not allowed to have consecutive terms. A suggestion is made that the Secretary and



Parliamentarian should not have consecutive terms. This is agreed to.

The parliamentarian has very little language in the University Senate rules. More information should be provided. A point is made that a parliamentarian should not be concurrently a member of the Senate Assembly. Language should be added to this effect.

The committee looks at the section on meetings. This section as currently written conflicts with the Regents bylaws. The Regent's bylaws require the University Senate meeting take place in the Winter term, which does not happen currently. It should be changed to be once every academic year.

The discussion on altering the quorum requirement for University Senate meetings from last year is rehashed. It is decided that the number should stay at 100, with the ability for the number to be revisited if necessary.

Meeting format and location is discussed. Hybrid meeting formats are discussed.

Action: Discussion

2:16pm-2:22pm: Discussion on the faculty groups for inclusion in the Faculty Senate

Summary: The membership rules are discussed. Editors of the faculty press are suggested for membership.

What is the threshold needed to make a change to those eligible for the Faculty Senate? It is a 2/3 majority needed.

Action: Discussion

3:01pm: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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