



Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)

Minutes of Meeting: 9/3/24

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Present: Heather O'Malley (SACUA Liaison), Jonathan Brennan, Howard Bromberg, James Gulvas, Lynette Hoelter, Neil Marsh, Bruce Maxim, Dinesh Pal, Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott, Sun-Yung Bak

Absent: Audrey Bennett, David Potter, Michela Russo

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

10:00am-10:04am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda is approved. The minutes for the April RPP meeting are approved. The new members are welcomed to the committee.

10:04am-10:41am: Review of draft changes in the senate rules

Summary: The FSO Director provides a link to a clean version of the draft of the University Senate rules with the proposed changes that the committee reviewed last year.

The draft includes separate sections for portions that come directly from the Regent's Bylaws are indicated now. Discussion ensues on how this can be best presented in the final document, with many options given. A final decision on this will come later in the academic year.

A definitions section has been added to the draft. The committee is asked to provide feedback on this. Should the definitions section be at the beginning of the file or the end? The group thinks that the beginning is the superior choice. Luke showcased some of the additions to the document. Luke provides context for the new members of this committee.

The intended audience is discussed related to the presentation. It is important to make the rules accessible to all the Faculty Senate membership, including those with limited experience and exposure to faculty governance.

Stylistic choices are reviewed. Discussion on SPGs takes place.

A change in language regarding membership is discussed. The description of research-track faculty has been tweaked so it is clear what level of appointment is required for participation in the Faculty Senate.

Action: Discussion



10:41am-10:56am: Discussion on the faculty groups for inclusion in the Faculty Senate

Summary: Various groups are mentioned that are not currently included in the Faculty Senate. All groups are listed in a file provided by Luke prior to the meeting. Discussion ensues on several of the groups, and clarifying questions are raised.

The difference between emeritus and active emeritus is discussed. Active emeritus faculty are being considered.

Further discussion on this topic will take place at a future meeting.

Action: Discussion

10:56am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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