

Rules, Practices and Policies Committee (RPP) Minutes for 9/15/2026 Meeting

Meeting information:

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Approved: 10/21/26

Members present: Jonathan Brennan (Chair), Sun-Yung Bak, James Gulvas, Solomon Adera, James Cranford, Ken Alfano, Lynette Hoelter, Kim Kearfott (SACUA Liaison)

Members absent: Nick Montgomery, Mitchell Sollenberger

Faculty Senate Office staff present: Meaghan Blanchard, Lucas McCarthy

Minutes:

1:04: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the 04/29/2026 meeting are approved.

1:05: Review Committee Charges

Summary: Chair Brennan reviews this year's upcoming charges with the committee. Chair Brennan also emphasizes that the committee is welcome to bring new topics or issues at any time.

Action: Discussion

1:14: Set Agenda for Remaining Meetings

Summary: The committee discusses the committee agenda for the year. The committee discusses the possibility of dividing tasks into subcommittees and agrees upon a tentative schedule for the year.

Action: Discussion

1:28: Review Faculty Senate Demographic Impacts of Senate Composition Changes

Summary: FSO Director Luke McCarthy presents on Faculty Senate composition issues. As it is now, shifts in faculty appointments can affect their membership in the Faculty Senate, e.g. a faculty member takes on an administrative role and, in turn, no longer has a 50% appointment as a faculty member, making them ineligible for the Faculty Senate.

The committee discusses how many stakeholders are currently affected by this issue, and the committee discusses whether to add this issue to the committee charges list. The committee agrees to speak with other faculty groups, like LEO and GLAM, to see how they approach these issues before deciding.



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Action: Discussion

2:00: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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