

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Via Teleconference
Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Tricia Jones (Pres.), Deborah Howe (Vice Pres.), Adam Davey (Secy.), Mark Rahdert (Past-Pres.), Raghbir Athwal (TUSM), Li Bai (Engr), Kenneth Boberick (DENT), Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSBM) Jane Evans (TYL) Michael Jacobs (Pharm), Jim Korsh (CST), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald), Matthew Miller (TFMA), Michael Sachs (CHP), Joseph Schwartz (CLA), James Shellenberger (LAW), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Karen M. Turner (SMC), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)
Absent: Cheri Carter (SSW), Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Catherine Schifter (Educ)

1. Call to Order

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from February 10, 2015 was deferred until the February 24 meeting.

3. President's Report

a. Resolution on Adjunct Faculty Unionization Neutrality

Sharon Boyle (HR) contacted President Jones with suggested alternate language for the resolution. It was determined that the proposed language did not more accurately reflect the senate's intent.

b. Budget Review Committee Meetings

Ken Kaiser has requested dates following spring break for potential budget meetings. A doodle poll will circulate with a list of potential times.

c. Distribution of the Adjunct Resolution

There was discussion about the distribution of the adjunct resolution.

4. Vice President's Report

a. Appointments to Committee on Status of Women

Matthew Miller, Michael Jackson, and Pei-Chun Hsieh were approved for appointment.

b. University Press

The current committee on the university press is functioning well, but it is not clear that the committee is making appointments in accordance with faculty senate procedures. Several other university committees (e.g., SFFs, RPPC) may be operating in similar fashion. There was discussion to the effect that some committees may require a renewed and revitalized charge in order to be more effective and valuable.

5. New Business

a. Clarification of UTPAC Discussions

A summary memorandum to Kevin Delaney will be drafted for circulation based on material covered across multiple discussion forums. This will require a quick turnaround. There was also discussion about the timing for elections to constitute the new committee membership.

b. Update on Dean's Review Committees

Work of the Engineering review committee is beginning. There is no update yet on status of Arts review committee. President Jones will contact the Provost to see whether this information can be made public.

6. Guest

There was no guest.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Adam Davey
Secretary