

**Committee on Committees**  
**February 20, 2006**  
**3-5 P.M.**  
**107 Marston Science Library**

Attendees:

Marylou Behnke

Michelle Foss

Carol Kem

John Leavey

Kim Tanzer, Guest

Blake Landor, Guest

Michelle Foss called the meeting to order at 3:06 P.M.

The minutes of the January 31, 2006 meeting were approved.

Kim Tanzer discussed procedures for items that come to the Committee on Committees. Typically the Senate will say that they want a committee established or a change in the charge. The COC will work on these issues and forward their findings to the Constitution committee who will then draft language for approval by the Senate. The other scenario for routing items is that a committee will either go to their Council with a recommendation for a change or directly to the Senate with recommendations. The Senate office will forward all matters to the appropriate committee at the appropriate time.

Professor Tanzer also explained logistical concerns regarding the proposed library committee structure. Professor Tanzer suggested that a member of the COC talk to Patricia Telles-Irvin to discuss how student members are selected for committee membership.

The committee then discussed the Compensation Committee report, which is scheduled for discussion at the February Senate Meeting. The committee is seeking clarification to the original compensation committee charge. Specific clarifications are: the need for the committee, the definition of compensation, the reporting structure of the committee and the committee structure.

The COC then discussed the library committee. John Leavey recommended making the library committee a Joint committee so that the administration could appoint faculty from unrepresented areas. Blake Landor requested that Michelle Foss and Marylou Behnke meet with the ULC to discuss this option. The next meeting of the ULC is on March 8 from 3-5 P.M. in the Smathers library conference room.

The COC will contact Dr. Landor with their recommendations after looking into the issue further.

The COC agreed to endorse the council member election language presented by the Steering Committee. This will be brought to the Senate as an information item in the March meeting.

Carol Kem reported on the Steering committee meeting she attended. She also discussed the COC annual report for 2004-2005. In response to the request for a procedure to track vacancies on councils a procedure was created the Senate office also now annually calls for committee reports. Danaya Wright will follow up with any remaining suggestions when she assumes the role of Chair.

The COC then returned to the compensation committee discussion. The Senate will need to clarify the need for a committee to do this job. The Senate will need to agree on the definition of compensation, the committee structure, and the reporting structure.

Dr. Behnke and Ms. Foss will present the options at the February Senate meeting. The COC will recommend that the committee (if one is to be established) be an ad-hoc committee or a task-force under the Budget council. The other option the COC feels is best is to assign a council to research compensation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 P.M.