

University Constitution Committee

Friday, December 17, 2004

2:00 – 4:00 pm

354 Tigert Hall

Attendees:

Joe Glover
Kim Tanzer
Eric Triplett
Danaya Wright

Absent:

Patricia Craddock
Elizabeth Dale
Chris Snodgrass, Chair
Barbara Wingo

Meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

Faculty Senate Items:

Danaya Wright provided a brief overview of what took place at the Faculty Senate meeting on 12/16/2004. All proposed recommendations regarding Policy Council elections were accepted and passed by majority vote.

Academic & Professional Assembly:

This recommendation was brought forward at the 12/16/2004 Senate meeting. Concerns were raised regarding the language and the ambiguity of the proposal. Including it in the Constitution would produce significant barriers if any changes ever needed to be made. It was also noted that no reference to benefit plans be made in attempting to define those that fall into this category. This will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting as an Information Item.

Draft Letter of Tenure Recommendations:

Joe Glover advised that he has composed a letter on behalf of Pierre Ramond, Chair of the Faculty Senate asking President Machen to endorse the Committee's recommendations. Recommendation # 8 will be included in this as it was approved by the Senate at the 12/16/2004 meeting. This will be submitted to President Machen formally. If he approves he will then send to the BOT and if they approve the recommendations will then be sent back to Constitution Committee for language and back to Senate for approval.

Definition of Faculty:

Danaya Wright and Kim Tanzer presented this at the last Senate meeting on 12/16/2004. An attempt was made to gather input from Senators although not much was received. It was noted that there was discontent in listing all of the people either included or excluded. Determining whether there would be ramifications in the apportionment is a significant issue. It was noted however that the Colleges/Departments that this would affect most already have reached their max in filling Senate seats.

The following will be included as Information Items on the Faculty Senate Agenda for January 20, 2005:

- Academic & Professional Assembly Language
- Article III – Definition of Faculty
- ByLaw 21

Meeting was Adjourned at 2:48 pm