

Constitution Committee
Minutes
September 16, 2005
10:30 -12:20 P.M.
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Attendees:

Elizabeth Dale
Chris Snodgrass
Tim Taylor
Barbara Wingo

Danaya Wright

Absent:

Joe Little
Eric Triplett

Chris Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

The committee discussed meeting times. The committee will meet the first Friday of each month from 10:30-12:30 unless noted otherwise. The meetings for the Fall 2005 semester will be held on October 14, November 4, and December 9.

Barbara Wingo discussed the new Regulations procedures. The University is no longer under the Administration Procedures Act. The Board of Governors created regulation procedures. The regulations have the same criteria as the rules did. All notices are published on the regulations Web site 30 days prior to approval by the Board of Trustees. There will be a 14 day comment period. The President will then decide if the item will remain on the BOT agenda. There is a link to sign up for electronic notices.

Regulation Changes

The committee will present information to the Senate approximately one and a half months, or two Senate meetings, before the Board of Trustees meeting at which the Trustees will act upon the information. The information will first be presented as an information item and the Senate will vote on it at the following meeting. This timetable will allow time to get recommendations to the President before the Board of Trustees meeting.

The committee must receive potential regulation changes by October 1 and February 1 in order to report its recommendations regarding such changes to the Senate by the October and February Senate meetings.

Constitutional Changes

The committee will present Constitutional Changes as information items in April and November for action in May and December.

Danaya Wright will create a flow chart of the deadlines for making changes. She will also draft policy language for the by-laws so that the committee will have a definite plan for meeting deadlines.