

**Constitution Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**November 4, 2005**  
**10:30 -12:40 P.M.**  
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**Attendees:**

Elizabeth Dale  
Joe Glover  
Joe Little  
Chris Snodgrass  
Eric Triplett

Barbara Wingo  
Danaya Wright

**Absent:**

Tim Taylor

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

The minutes of the October 14, 2005 meeting were approved.

Chris Snodgrass reported that Senate Chair Kim Tanzer requested that the Constitution Committee report at the November Senate meeting on not only bylaws language for the Sustainability Committee and revised constitution and bylaws language for the AFTPSC, but also on the status of the Compensation Committee and language abolishing the Faculty Academic Advisory Council.

Les Thiele, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee answered questions regarding the Sustainability Committee. Elizabeth Dale will rewrite the sustainability language and redistribute to members of the Constitution Committee, copying Les Thiele and Kim Tanzer before the deadline to post the November senate agenda.

Revised constitution and bylaw language for the Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee will be posted to the Senate agenda. There were no changes made to the drafted proposed language. The Committee approved the motion to post the language as is.

The Committee discussed revised language for the policy council descriptions. Barbara Wingo will make the changes and send to the committee for final review before posting.

Chris Snodgrass asked that the Committee revisit the Compensation Committee issue, which the Committee had decided to defer, pending resolution of ongoing litigation that might bear on such a committee. He said that since Senate Chair Tanzer had raised the possibility of a conflict of interest on his part regarding this issue, he is electing to abstain from voting on the issue in order to remove even the appearance of any such conflict.

The Committee decided that, at the December meeting, it will begin a review of whether the Committee has the authority to table an issue. If the Committee determines that it does have such authority under unusual circumstances and that those circumstances exist, the Committee will then decide if it will table the issue or move the issue forward.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.