

Constitution Committee

Minutes

Monday November 26, 2007

10:30 am 354 Tigert

Attendance:

Ferguson, Mary Ann
Griffin, Cynthia
Kwolek-Folland, Angel
Little, Joe
Martyniak, Cathy
Pagán, Victoria
Taylor, Tim
Wingo, Barbara

The meeting was called to order by Ferguson.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously.

Ferguson updated the committee on General and Curriculum changes presented as information items at Senate Meeting of 11/15/07.

Ferguson reported back on issues brought to the Steering Committee: (a) length of committee service will be taken up by the Committee on Committees; (b) inconsistency in the by-laws will be resolved by the removal of Senate Bylaw 7A; (c) secret ballots and Sunshine laws (d) Article III 6 G points g-o have been turned over to another committee for review.

A motion passed unanimously that we delete Senate Bylaw 7A and redesignate 7 B accordingly.

The committee discussed the appropriate use of the term *ex officio*. Wingo clarified that non-voting members of committees should be designated as liaisons or staff, not *ex officio* members.

The committee discussed a timetable for presenting changes to the Senate. A motion passed unanimously that Ferguson and Martyniak draft a single presentation to the Senate that prioritizes the housekeeping and the substantive changes.

The committee completed their review of recommendations by Angel and Barbara for Constitution changes. Motions passed unanimously to make the following changes (in bold face):

Article III 8 C: “Meetings shall be held at the call of the President **or the Faculty Senate Chair.**”

Article IV 1 (a): “reports of the **President, Provost, and Faculty Senate Chair**”

Article IV 5: Strike “In order to facilitate voting, the Senate Steering”

Article V 2 A: In the first paragraph: “The Secretary of the Senate and Senate Parliamentarian **shall** serve...” All highlighted wording within this paragraph is also unanimously approved.

Article V 2 A: It came to the committee’s attention that the term “Advisory Council of Faculty Senates” is nowhere defined. The matter will be taken to the Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Article V 2 C: “It advises the Faculty Senate on **regulation changes and administration.**”

Article V 7 A: Change the words “*ex officio*” to “**non-voting**”

Article V 7 C: “**The President and the Faculty Senate Chair may appoint liaisons to provide special expertise on Senate Policy Councils and on Senate and Joint Committees.**”

Article V 8 B: All changes within this paragraph approved.

Article VI 2 A 2 and 3: The committee voted unanimously to bring these paragraphs to the attention of the Faculty Senate Chair to assign to an appropriate committee for review; likewise the Office of the Provost will be canvassed for a recommendation.

Article VI 3 A: The committee voted unanimously to consult The Office of the Provost for a recommendation.

Article VI 3 C: Change Chairman to **Chair**. Refer the section to the Faculty Senate Chair.

Article VII: “**Complaints shall be administered in accordance with University regulations and procedures.**”

For Spring 2008, the committee will have two vacancies (Little retires, Ferguson on sabbatical) for which it seeks temporary replacements. In Spring 2008, meetings will take place on Thursdays (January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3), at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Pagán