

## Constitution Committee

### Minutes

Monday September 24, 2007

10:30 a.m., 354 Tigert

#### **Attendance:**

Griffin, Cynthia

Kwolek-Folland, Angel

Little, Joe

Martyniak, Cathy

Pagán, Victoria

Taylor, Tim

Wingo, Barbara

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Martyniak.

Item 1 on the agenda, the committee approved the minutes of the August 27, 2007 meeting.

The committee also approved the minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting.

Little made a motion for changes in wording to Senate Bylaw 20 B2b and B2c:

*shall select two non-voting student members to serve one year terms.*

The motion passed unanimously.

Following up from the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes, Martyniak requested that Ferguson remind Committee on Committees and/or Senate Steers that we await further instruction re: Senate Bylaw 20 D 5, (Council and Committee membership) specifically length of service. Do we want/need any discussion in the bylaws regarding term limits?

Item 2 on the agenda, Martyniak was unanimously elected *chair elect* for 2007-2008.

Item 3 on the agenda, Martyniak was unanimously elected *chair* for Spring 2008, in the absence of Ferguson.

Item 4 on the agenda, regarding language for changes to the Gen Ed committee, is tabled pending further information.

Committee turned to rectifying inconsistencies in Constitution.

(1) Article III section 6 “TENURE.” Because anticipated changes are technical, Wingo and Kwolek-Folland agreed to email proposed changes to Article III section 6 to the committee in advance, for consideration at the October meeting.

Wingo pointed out an inconsistency in the By Laws that should be addressed by the Academic Freedom Committee regarding grievance procedures for non-tenure track faculty.

(2) Articles IV, V, and the By Laws: Wingo clarified provisions of the “sunshine law” pertaining to public meeting notices, attendance, membership (e.g., *ex officio*) and participation. A motion passed unanimously that Ferguson update Yost on the issue of *ex officio* membership and that the Constitution Committee will send recommendations to the Senate Steering Committee, for consideration at the November meeting. Discussion followed about the term *staff* and the misuse of the term *ex officio*.

(3) Proforma changes (generally switching rule to regulation) within the Constitution will be executed by Barbara Wingo and her staff.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.  
Respectfully submitted by Pagán