

**Senate Steering Committee  
Minutes  
March 4, 2010  
3:00-5:00 P.M.  
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Attendees:

Jack Mescholsky  
Mary Ann Ferguson  
Tony Offerle  
Jane Brockmann  
Barbara Wingo  
Scott Nygren

Ellis Greiner  
David Quillen

Guests:

Bernard Mair  
Jim Seale  
Ken Gerhardt  
Mark Bishop

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM

The February minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**Jack Mecholsky, *Chair***

Jack Mecholsky reported that he met with the faculty council chairs of most of the colleges and discussed shared governance at the college level. The group will meet again before the end of the semester. Mecholsky reported that FERPA will be the directed discussion topic for March, led by Barbara Wingo. The Steering Committee discussed the incident at Corry Village and will wait until the investigation is complete to see how the report compares to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Civil, Safe and Open Environment's recommendations. Chief Stump will give her annual use of force report to the Senate in April.

**Information Items:**

**Council chair term limits**

**Mark Bishop, *COC Chair***

This item will be an information item at the March Senate meeting.

**PhD in Public Health, College of PHHP**

**Ken Gerhardt, *Associate Dean of the Graduate School***

This item will be an information item at the March Senate meeting.

**Proposal to consolidate the departments of operative dentistry and prosthodontics to create a new department of restorative dental sciences in the College of Dentistry**

**Bernard Mair, *UCC Chair***

This item will be an information item at the March Senate meeting.

**Tenure and promotion criteria for merged departments**

**Tony Offerle, *Welfare Council Chair***

This item will be an information item at the March Senate meeting. The wording of the final proposal will say "elect" rather than "should be permitted to request."

## **Council Reports:**

### **Infrastructure Council**

**Jane Brockmann, *Chair***

The council discussed PPD and RCM at their last meeting. They also discussed heating issues at PK Yonge and the textbook adoption Web site. Jack Mecholsky will contact the dean of the College of Education to discuss heating issues at PK Yonge. The council also discussed the Newell Hall renovation and wondered how the decision was made to create a student study center.

### **Research and Scholarship Council**

**Scott Nygren, *Chair***

The council met with Marie Zeglen to discuss effort reporting and the state and federal guidelines for the reports. The council will invite Win Phillips to discuss centers and institutes.

### **Welfare Council**

**Tony Offerle, *Chair***

The council met with Nigel Richards of the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars. The council would like to encourage deans to nominate more faculty to this group. The council is continuing discussions on online teaching evaluations, especially participation levels. Jack Mecholsky will talk to the registrar about the different participation levels in online evaluations versus paper evaluations.

### **Academic Policy Council**

**Tracy Rambo, *Co-chair***

No report.

### **Budget Council**

**David Quillen, *Chair***

The council is compiling items to look at during their RCM discussions. The council has already discussed interdisciplinary programs and classroom issues. James Klausner will report to the council on the energy assessment committee.

Additional item:

Jim Seale asked the Steering Committee for guidance on the constitutional language for the Academic Assessment Committee. The Constitution Committee was referred back to the Committee on Committees for guidance.

### **Action Item:**

Approval of the March 18, 2010 Senate Agenda

The March Senate agenda was approved with the addition of FERPA as the March directed discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.