

University Constitution Committee Minutes
January 9, 2012, 3 – 5 p.m.
Pugh Hall Oral History Conference Room

Attendance:

Barbara Wingo
Margaret Temple-Smith
John Leavey
Paul Ortiz
Jill Herndon (by phone)
Tace Herndon
Sue Alvers

Paul Ortiz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Minutes from August 2011 were approved.

John Leavey was elected as Chair of the Constitution Committee for 2012-2013.

Meetings were scheduled for the spring term. All will be in the Oral History Conference room at 3 p.m.

- February 6
- February 27
- March 26
- April 30

The Committee was asked to resolve an issue regarding the reallocation of senators proportional to the number of faculty in each college. If a department is to lose a senator and no one is rotating off, what is the appropriate procedure? The committee decided that no changes were needed to the bylaws. If a department is to gain a senator and another is to lose one with no one rotating off, then reallocation for the two departments stays the same for that year. No department should “retire” a senator until his/her term is over.

John Leavey suggested that the Faculty Senate should follow the approval process for the new Humanities Course (Good Life). Barbara Wingo mentioned that it is on the Steering agenda for Thursday and also as an information item for the Faculty Senate for January’s meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.