

**University Constitution Committee Minutes**  
**October 8, 2013 3:00– 4:30 p.m.**  
**Pugh Hall Oral History Conference Room**

**Attendance:**

Tace Hedrick  
Barbara Wingo  
Patricia Morgan  
Sue Alvers  
Jacqueline Swank  
Christine Fruin  
Ralph Rice  
David Groisser  
Robert Cook (via phone)

Tace Hedrick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. After introductions, the April 2013 minutes were approved.

**PHHP/COM Vote for Senate Rep Revisited** – Robert Cook, PHHP College Council Chair, Dept of Epidemiology

(Background: The Constitution Committee recommended on November 28, 2012 that all faculty in departments in dual colleges who have not expressed membership in one college or other belong in Group 1 unit for purposes of Senate membership, voting, and apportionment)

- Robert Cook noted that currently, some faculty are assigned to COM, some to PHHP, and most are in Group 1 for senate voting. The two departments (Epidemiology and Biostatistics) do not see that as a feasible solution. Both departments are asking for the Constitution Committee to recommend that faculty are counted towards PHHP for faculty senate consideration.
- After a long discussion, the Constitution Committee recommended (with a unanimous vote) that all faculty in Epidemiology and Biostatistics are counted towards Group 1 for faculty senate consideration. Jacqueline Swank made the motion and Ralph Rice seconded it. If after trying this process PHHP is still discontented, then the Constitution Committee will revisit the issue. Patricia Morgan will contact Robert Cook, the PHHP dean, and the two departments to explain the Constitution Committee's decision.

**Designation of Senators on Sabbatical - Should they be considered offsite?**

Currently senators on sabbatical are considered to be on leave of absence for faculty senate meetings. However we have had requests recently from senators going on sabbatical to be considered "offsite" so that they can participate in senate meetings. "Offsite" senators are those who have a permanent appointment away from Gainesville such as College of Medicine – Jacksonville or the IFAS extension group. After discussion, the committee decided to table this item so that Barbara Wingo can research the definition of "leave of absence" in the regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.