

University Constitution Committee Minutes
October 10, 2014, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Library West Room 429

Attendees:

David Groisser
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Christine Fruin

Sue Alvers
Heather Ray
Ralph Rice

Hans van Oostrom
Meera Sitharam
Barbara Wingo

Christine Fruin, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and the September 2014 minutes were approved with revisions.

Review Proposed changes to Article VI of the Constitution

Christine provided background about previous Constitution Committee revisions of Article VI of the Constitution. Inconsistencies were noted at the May Senate meeting and the matter was tabled. She explained that she invited Dr. Hans van Oostrom from Engineering to this meeting to revisit the change regarding colleges, departments, etc. in Article VI. Dr. van Oostrom mentioned that the College of Engineering is trying to update its constitution and even with the May proposed revision, the college's structure is still out of line. After a long discussion the committee made more revisions to the proposed May Article VI document, specifically the "School" and "Department" sections. Before presenting to the senate, the committee will review again at its November meeting. Christine will also ask Dean Frierson to review proposed Section 6 which pertains to the Graduate School.

Review and Approve Edits to Bylaw 20(A)(2)(b)2

After making a few more edits, the committee approved the following change in Senate Bylaw 20. Christine will attend the next Steering Committee meeting to ask to put on Faculty Senate agenda.

CURRENT

(A)(2)(b)2 Academic Personnel Board.

The President will appoint six members, three of whom will be selected from a slate of nominees elected by the Faculty Senate from the faculty at large. All nominees must hold the rank of professor or above with strong teaching and research records, selected from a variety of disciplines. Three times as many nominees as openings will be provided annually. The Chair is appointed by the President or the President's designee. The Academic Personnel Board advises the President with respect to promotion and tenure nominations, serving in a fact-finding and consultative role.

PROPOSED (approved by Constitution Committee 10/10/14)

(A)(2)(b)2 Academic Personnel Board.

The President will appoint ten members, five of whom will be selected from a slate of nominees elected by the Faculty Senate from the faculty at large. All 5 faculty nominees must be senior-ranked faculty members with strong teaching and research records, selected from a variety of disciplines. Eligible faculty members are those who have attained the highest promotional rank in the faculty title series to which they are appointed and who do not also have an academic administrative appointment. Three times as many nominees as openings will be provided annually. The Chair is appointed by the President or the President's designee. The Academic Personnel Board advises the President with respect to promotion and tenure nominations, serving in a fact-finding and consultative role. The President may divide the Academic Personnel Board into more than one working group to expedite the review of nominations.

The November 14th meeting was rescheduled to November 21st due to conflicts for the majority of the members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.