

University Constitution Committee Minutes
September 19, 2014
9:30 – 11 a.m.
Library West Room 429

Attendees:

David Groisser
Angel Kwolek-Folland

Christine Fruin
Sue Alvers

Jacqueline Swank
Heather Ray

Christine Fruin, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m., the April 2014 minutes were approved and introductions were made.

The Faculty Senate tabled the constitutional changes that were presented in May. Christine explained that she invited engineering faculty to the October meeting to revisit the change regarding colleges, departments, etc. She reminded the committee that Barbara Wingo reviewed the Engineering Constitution during the summer. Barbara will report her findings at the next meeting.

Christine mentioned that she has heard concerns raised about the change in wording from the APB resolution that the Senate passed and the regulations that the Board of Trustees approved. Christine said that she will ask Barbara Wingo about the process for challenging a proposed regulation.

The committee made the following edits to the bylaws to reflect the APB regulation change.

SENATE BYLAW 20

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 (9/19/14)

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 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 who do not have an academic administrative appointment, an associate provost for academic affairs designated by the Provost, and the Vice President for Research. 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 meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.