Rules Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m.
10-9-12

Attendance:
Chair: Justin Walton
Secretary: Elizabeth Miller
Member: Faculty Senate Chair – James Heflin
Member: Faculty Senate Chair Elect – Mike Dun
Member: Liu Yingqin
Member: Tahzeeba Frisby

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance

III. Assigned Business
- Two motions from Faculty Senate
  A. Clarification on the Faculty Senate Chair’s powers to appoint committee memberships.
  B. Committee ruled that the motion to amend the Faculty Senate Constitution (made at our last Senate meeting) was out of order.

IV. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.
Regarding University Standing Committees, the Faculty Handbook (Sec. 2.3b) provides Senate memberships so that “one elected by and from the Faculty Senate” may serve on the following committees:

- Curriculum
- Faculty Development
- Information Technology Advisory
- Institution and Internal Services
- Student Services
- Teacher Education
- Teaching and Learning
- Research
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- Lectures and Concerts
- Recruitment

Chairman Heflin asked the Senate for explanation concerning his authority to appoint committee memberships. [“one elected by and from the Faculty Senate”]

Motion # 1

During our August 31, 2012 meeting, a motion was made and seconded recommending: “The Chair of the Faculty Senate is allowed to make committee appointments from the Faculty Senate.”

**Ruling:** Concerning Dr. Heflin’s request, it appears that the motion IS in order. While membership requirements for University Standing Committees are beyond the purview of the Faculty Senate, nothing in the Faculty Handbook or Faculty Senate Constitution prohibits how these memberships are assigned so long as (a) appointees are current members of the Faculty Senate and (b) committee assignments go before the body of the Senate for final approval.
Motion # 2

During the same meeting, a motion was made and seconded recommending: “That the Faculty Senate Constitution be amended to give the Chair of Faculty Senate the responsibility to appoint Faculty Senate committee representatives.

Ruling: Motion is OUT of order as it conflicts with the procedures set forth for amending the Faculty Handbook (see Sec. 5.12). According to Roberts’ Rules of Order, the activity of an organization must be conducted in compliance with its bylaws and constitution, and any motion that violates them is NOT in order.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

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Ruling: Motion is nullified by actions taken during our August 31st meeting.

Motion # 2

During the same meeting, a motion was made and seconded recommending: “That the Faculty Senate Constitution be amended to give the Chair of Faculty Senate the responsibility to appoint Faculty Senate committee representatives.”
Ruling: Motion died in committee.