Academic Senate Rules Committee Minutes

February 7th, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:02 pm in 3rd Floor West Lounge

Call to Order: Faculty Code of Ethics, Instructional Settings Policy,

Attendance: Martha Horst, Connie Dyar, Andy Byars, Andrew Jacobs, Amina Jinadu, Jason Hale, Jack Whitsitt, Scott Seeman, Sam Catanzaro, Craig Blum

Absent: Rose Marshack, Michael Torry

During the meeting the rules committee discussed the confusing language in the Faculty Code of Ethics.

Senator Horst talked about the Instructional Settings Policy (3.3.12B) regarding the “wishy washy/ambiguous language.”

The language in policy 3.3.12 B suggests that when a problem arises, faculty “may” want to go talk to the chair; it made more of a suggestion than an enforcement.

Martha Horst suggested we make the language tighter by saying “you *must* go to the chair” instead of “you may elect to go.”

Sam Catanzaro discussed the recent changes to the Code of Ethics (previously the Faculty Code of Ethics).

The committee collectively agreed we didn’t like term “instructor” in policy 3.3.12 B.

Sam Catanzaro then suggested we ask the questions: “How do we define faculty? How do we define mentoring and instruction?

Connie Dyar suggested we use the term Employee.

The Rules Committee decided to make these necessary changes and talk more about them at the next meeting

Adjournment 6:54

Senator Jason Hale

Secretary of the Rules Committee