RULES COMMITTEE

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Draft Minutes from 3/24/2021 Meeting

Attendance: Horst, Stewart, Zoltek, Catanzaro, Hockenberry, Nichols, Samhan, Villalobos, Mangruem

1. Call to Order at 6:02pm
2. Minutes for February 17, 2021 and Minutes from March 3, 2021 approved via voice vote
3. Regarding External Committee Seating, Senator Horst stated that she reseats people who have interest in returning to committees. She can only seat a given person on one external committee, and the seating has to be approved by the Faculty Caucus.
4. Senator Horst asked that committee members look over College of Education Bylaws between now and April 1 send a list of modifications to her.
5. The committee unanimously approved the following changes to the Mass Email Policy and Procedures; Senator Horst will announce the changes on senate floor time permitting.
   1. the Senate chairperson (or elected representative of the chairperson) should be on the Mass Email Guidance Council.
   2. Adding “including research surveys” to the sentence starting with “Detailed directions on how to send mass electronic messages are available at…” at the end of section VII.
6. Review of Textbook Affordability Committee charge (guest: Anne Shelley, Milner Library faculty)
   1. Anne Shelley discussed changes to the Textbook Affordability Committee with our committee.
   2. The Rules Committee unanimously approved the following changes:
      1. Adding Amelia Noel-Elkins or her designee as a member of the committee
      2. Keeping the student affairs person on the committee as a voting member
      3. Continuing to allow everyone on the committee should have voting rights
      4. Enlarging the committee by adding a student senator and a faculty senator
      5. Specifying that faculty representation from any college (or division of CAS) is limited to 2 representatives
7. Update – Council on General Education research (Nichols)
   1. Senator Nichols summarized his conversation with Sally Perry about the Council for General Education’s decision to allow any member to serve as chair of that committee. In sum, the CGE chair sets the agenda for meetings, but the committee is very reactive and there was no sense that anyone was steering the committee in any way in which the rest of the committee did not agree. Sally Perry did not think it was likely that a student (other than a graduate student) would chair the committee but also did not think other members would acquiesce to unreasonable student chair.
   2. There was concern in our committee that having an administrator who reports to the AVP for Undergraduate Affairs could be problematic in terms of power dynamics and that faculty should ultimately have control over curricular issues. It was pointed out that faculty still have the majority voice on the CGE and that the issue of power dynamics is not unique to that committee. It was brought up that incompetent chairs could possibly be removed; Senator Horst will investigate Senate bylaws about removing chairs of committee. This topic will be revisited and sent to the Academic Senate floor.

Adjourned at 6:55pm

Draft minutes prepared by Gregory Braswell