Minutes

Rules Committee

**March 4, 2015**

6:00 p.m.

Faculty Staff Commons, Bone Student Center

Members Attending: Senators Peter Bushell, Ryan Fernandez, Anne Wortham, Matt Porter, Kim Astroth, Sam Catanzaro, Jacqueline Schneider, Kenneth Lin , Christian Trujillo, and Farzaneh Fazel

Not present: Eshawn Feiz, Edward Stewart

Guests: Dean Munin

Call to order at 6:02 pm

Approval of Minutes: Tabled to fix 2/18 minutes, especially sections in AFEGC section

Code of Student Conduct

* Art Munin, Dean of Students, was introduced
* Sen. Bushell explained that the 2 sections we were looking at from the Code of Student Conduct was recommended by exec and were coming to us because of correlations with the Blue Book
* Section 7: Academic Dishonesty (pg. 29)
  + Dean Munin provided the context of the changes made dealing with academic dishonesty
  + Section 7 – discussion ensued on whether to change the language so that it would be similar to the undergraduate catalog description
    - Sen. Fazel asked if the catalog description was a consolidation, provided that it should be the same in both documents, Dean Munin agreed that they should be the same

Motion by Senator Fazel to approve the 2 definitions to be the same in both docments, 2nd by Sen. Trujillo

Approved

* Section 13: Sub-section C was clarified regarding the additional conduct positions
  + Sub-section E: discussed the name of the Student Hearing Panel
    - Committee checked to see if it read well
    - Item 1 was brought up on why there were no dates or timelines provided in the selection of the panel
    - There was a point by Dr. Munin to not have any dates, rather to have it on a rolling basis
    - In the intro: it was decided to leave recruitment and the selection of the Hearing panel members to be conducted at the start of the fall semester, and vacancies will be filled on an as needed basis
* Questions: There was a question to add what cases go to the administrative hearing officers or the hearing panel
  + It was explained that there is not enough time if every case went to the hearing panel- decisions could be made quicker if some of the cases went to the officers
  + It was also explained that some of the cases are easy enough for the officers to decided, while others would then go to the hearing panel that needed more attention

Committee decided to table on where the cases go

* Section F: University Appeals Board
  + Discussion ensued that if the code was decided upon changes to the blue book would have to be brought up
  + Discussion also ensued on whether to add members to the Appeals Committee with more faculty, was also discussed that it is hard to get people to volunteer to do so

Adjourned at 7:00 pm