**Rules Committee of Academic Senate**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

**6:00 p.m. in Conference Room of Faculty Commons**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call & Welcome
   1. Present:, Michalene Cox, Paula Crowley, Anne Wortham, Henry Olson, Christian Trujillo, Sam Catanzaro, Obinna Mogbogu, Wendy Troxel, Sunil Chebolu, Kyle Falson
   2. Absent: Paul Dennhardt
   3. Guests in attendance: Michael Byrns (CAST), Thomas Burr (Library Committee), Alberto Delgado ( Chair of AFEGC)
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. Motioned by Cox
   2. Seconded by Falson
   3. Unanimous approval
4. **Reports:**
   1. Chair’s Report:
      1. Current status of task schedule for Rules Committee, 2015-2016  - COE Bylaws are on the way.
      2. Current status of the Milner Library Council Bylaws
         1. Currently in review and will return soon. Much gratitude expressed.
      3. Communication with Dr. Thomas Burr about representation on the Library Committee – External Committee of the Academic Senate.
5. **Action:**
   1. The CAST Bylaws
      1. Ready to be approved and passed on to Senate.
         1. Motioned by Chebolu
         2. Seconded by Troxel
         3. Unanimous approval
6. **Discussion:**
   1. Communication with Dr. Thomas Burr about representation on the Library Committee – External Committee of the Academic Senate.
      1. Burr: revisions designed to make the Library Committee more inclusive, notably adding graduate student representation as well. A potential representative for the committee from Interm Dean Murphy has not been on the radar.
      2. Crowley: “Faculty” wording, referring to tenure vs. non-tenured representation. Who is invested in representing, also student representation.
         1. Burr: currently having student Members from SGA whose voices are heard. Also, unfortunately, tenured track faculty has a bad habit of not attending meeting.
         2. Crowley: Would it be possible to add details to specify representation in order to avoid potential ambiguity.
         3. Catanzaro: Recommends taking the discussions from the Rules committee back to the Library committee.
         4. Burr: Consideration to address this by email, soliciting any potential negative feedback.
      3. Crowley: How many people would potentially be represented factoring in College population? Should it be explicit?
         1. Burr: Language is receptive to realistic representation of colleges.
         2. Crowley: Concern about the potential overrepresentation of some colleges even when larger colleges may not be fully represented.
      4. Crowley: Can the committee come up with a system to request whether Milner is “meeting the needs” of those represented.
         1. Burr: Like the idea of long term potential application
      5. Cox: Limitation of representation per college?
         1. Troxel: What does it hurt to have an abundance of representation?
         2. Cox: Continuous lack of faculty representation on committees may be a sign to limit what may be necessary.
         3. Burr: It may muddle the information the committee gets, since there would be no true representation.
            1. Contextual addition of strong magnitude of CAST presence.
         4. Catanzaro: Experience suggests that may be overthinking this
      6. Crowley: Purpose of the Library committee?
         1. Catanzaro: We need to reflect and be aware of how the Blue Book plays a role into this. I support the concept of putting the purpose up front, but for the sake of conformity, it is probably better to take as is.
         2. Committee: agreement regarding the tenure section of Membership
         3. To be postponed for Library Committee’s response.
   2. Begin the discussion of the Blue Book Description of the AFEGC
   3. Begin consideration of the revisions to the AFEGC Policy

Delgado: Committee is the last step of peer review to safeguard anything that could potentially go wrong. Excludes ASPT, OEOEA, and grievances that fall under tenured track faculty. Mainly violations of academic freedom and ethics. Peer review based. Many are personnel actions “within a whisker of legal action.” Extensive history being familiar with the processes. Harbors logistical guidelines and benchmarks where decisions must be made. Criterion, influence of specific components, and evidence, etc. must be taken into consideration. Procedural issues and deciding factors.

* + - 1. Cox: Has this been reviewed before?
         1. Catanzaro: This was addressed last year, and was delegated to a subcommittee (Wortham and Catanzaro were members). This is a very confusing policy and is very ambiguous. Reorganization and composition have been in the works. The latest draft from the subcommittee is recommended to be our foundation for future revisions.
      2. Crowley: Why is the Rules committee doing this?
         1. Catanzaro: The Senate writes policy and the committees execute policy. Senate passes, creates, and revises them. There was a meeting with previous chairs of AFEGC for progressive purposes.
         2. Delgado: The senate could charge AFEGC to take responsibility for this action.
      3. Crowley: Discussion on the AFEGC policy revisions will continue during our next meeting on November 4.

1. Adjournment
   1. Motioned by Chebolu
   2. Seconded by Falson
   3. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Christian Trujillo