Academic Senate Rules Committee Minutes

October 25, 2017

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

Call to Order: Drug Free Policy, Consent Agenda Article 5 Procedures of Academic Senate

Attendance: Martha Horst, Rose Marshack, Craig Blum, Connie Dyar, Michael Torry, Andy Byars, Andrew Jacobs, Amina Jinadu, Jason Hale, Jack Whitsitt, Sam Catanzaro

Drug Free Policy

Senator Horst reviewed the Drug Free policy with the committee. She went over some suggested edits from Chairperson Kalter, such as moving the sentence at the end of paragraph one to the beginning of the policy. Senator Marshack asked why that sentence would be first, and the committee discussed that it was a general statement of principles.

The committee came up with the following list of questions and suggestions for Lisa Huson’s office:

1.  How does this policy handle faculty who work with controlled substances for their research?

2.  The word “unlawful” was deleted in the first sentence of paragraph 4 (“The (unlawful) manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is strictly prohibited on any property owned, operated, or controlled by Illinois State University or in association with any University-related duties or activities.”  Would putting back the word “unlawful” take care of situations such as described in point 1?  Or, a situation where a faculty is legally taking a controlled substance prescription such as medical marijuana?  (lawful according to the state, at least).  Why was the word unlawful taken out?

3.  Could legal clarify why language regarding policy 3.1.30 was added?  Perhaps this paragraph could be connected in some way to the topic of the policy with some additional language.

4.  same comment regarding the disability language.  The committee suspected this may be in reference to alcoholism, but we were not sure.  Some language describing the connection between disabilities and the policy would clarify this.

5.  The Rules Committee had much discussion regarding the sentence, “The sale, delivery, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on any property owned, leased, operated or controlled by the University, or in association with any University-related duties or activities.” Some observations:

a.  The first added sentence in the Employees section seems to contradict this.

b.  This added sentence addresses faculty; what about graduate students at, for instance, a conference?

c.  Senator Horst read the following statement sent by HR in a memo on the alcohol and drug Free Workplace:  “Where permitted under University policies, the use of alcoholic beverages on University premises shall be considered a privilege and may be allowed only if consistent with State laws and University policies and only when it will not interfere with the decorum and academic atmosphere of the campus.”  The problematic clause is the addition of “any University-related duties or activities.”

Article 5 Procedures of the Academic Senate

Senator Horst talked about how this article in the Senate bylaws had the most revisions and was drafted completely by the task force. The developed language about filing stage, the review and circulation stage, the information stage, the action, and the adoption stage

Consent Agenda

Senator Horst talked about how she inserted language regarding a 10 and 20 day period because of deadlines that the curriculum proposals face with the Board of Directors.

The committee decided to review the bylaws at the next meeting.

Adjournment 6:54

Senator Jason Hale

Secretary of the Rules Committee