Minutes

Rules Committee

**December 10, 2014**

6:00 p.m.

Faculty Staff Commons, Bone Student Center

Members Attending: Senators Peter Bushell, Edward Stewart, Anne Wortham, Sam Catanzaro, Farzaneh Fazel, Matt Porter, Ryan Fernandez, Kenneth Lin, Mary Dyck, and Eshawn Feiz

Guests: Kim McCord, Betsy Lugg, Klaus Schmidt

Absent: Jacqueline Schneider

Call to order at 6:05 pm

Introductions, Visitors – Chairs of AFEGC

Approval of last week’s minutes – motion by Sen. Stewart, 2nd by Sen. Wortham

Approved

INFORMAL CONCILIATION EFFORT
- like currently stated in the policy, strongly suggested but not required
- keep structure of electing from the AFEGC a member (not the chair) that will be the informal conciliation facilitator
- there was conversation/questions about the effectiveness of the ombudsperson role in the informal conciliation process. Some suggested losing this option (?) I would suggest keeping it.

HEARING / PRELIMINARY / FORMAL
- we acknowledged the confusion in the language. Will drop ?preliminary?, could drop or keep ?formal'
- we understand there will be one hearing that will render a case substantiated or not. Could call it hearing or 'formal hearing'
- If substantiated, there was some discussion about what is expected of AFEGC in report of substantiated case. Do we propose to the provost some kind of sanctions or reprimand? or let the Provost do that?
-  if not substantiated, then appeal is possible

APPEAL RESULTS
Current language states various options:
- for grievance cases - Appeals Hearing Committee (AHC) will report and recommend to Provost.
- for referral cases from FRC or CFSC - AHC will report and recommend back to either FRC or CFSC.
- for ethics and academic freedom cases - AHC report and recommend to Senate Chair

We can discuss more about what happens after Exec sees an AHC report on an ethics or academic freedom case:
- Exec can send to Provost WITHOUT comment.  (current assumed language)
- Exec could send to faculty caucus. Caucus decides whether AHC report is rejected, or accepted then sent to Provost.  ( we can continue to discuss whether this is a worthwhile option or problematic.)
- Exec could send to Provost WITH commentary.  (Dan Holland and Exec are proposing this new third option)

NUMBER OF NTT FACULTY
- our original task list suggests looking at number of NTT faculty on committee - wondering if too high.
- conversation last night and prior suggests number of NTT is OK.
- If indeed several cases go to hearing and then appeal, new members are needed on each part of each case.

Motion to adjourn by Sen. Stewart, seconded by Sen. Dyck

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm