Minutes

Rules Committee

**March 25, 2015**

6:00 p.m.

Faculty Staff Commons, Bone Student Center

Members Attending: Senators Peter Bushell, Edward Stewart, Anne Wortham, Matt Porter, Kim Astroth, Sam Catanzaro, Christian Trujillo, and Farzaneh Fazel

Not present: Eshawn Feiz, Jacqueline Schneider, Kenneth Lin, Ryan Fernandez

Guests: Rick Olshak, Nikki Brauer, Lois Soldner

Call to order at 6:03 pm

Discussion on Code of Conduct Section:

* Fazel: Pg. 41 item 2—we are concerned about the possibility of an appeals board with no faculty
	+ Dean Munin said that sometimes it is necessary to move forward without faculty members present, but this is worrisome
	+ Mr. Olshak concurs
	+ Academic integrity cases and RSO cases *have* to go to university hearing panel (UHP)
	+ There is concern over the lack of criterion to determine which judicial group the cases will be heard by
	+ Mr. Olshak: Administrators handle any surplus of cases that cannot be handled otherwise
	+ Title IX cases are only handled administratively because of the special training necessary to hear those cases
	+ It is best practice to have only 2 levels to adjudicate Title IX cases and many agree it is the safest route to only have administrators hear the cases
	+ There are roughly 15-20 administrative hearings for Title IX cases
	+ Fazel: I suggest that at least one more administrator is added to the appeals process
	+ Fazel: I am comfortable with the explanation that two people are involved in the appeals process so long as they are able to collaborate and work to a decision
	+ Debate ensued over whether we should make it mandatory for multiple administrators to be present for appeals
	+ Fazel proposes that we have the Dean of Students plus 2 other employees who have had Title IX training must be present to hear appeals
* Mr. Olshak will make adjustments to capture the spirit of these proposed changes
* Fazel: What happened to the Student Grievance Committee?
	+ Mr. Olshak: 99% of the cases heard were Grade Appeals and when the Provost Office took this responsibility back, there was no need to continue
	+ Student Grievance Committee is officially off the books
* We will be sending the following edits back to the dean of students office:
	+ Chairperson is non-voting and is appointed by vice president of student affairs
	+ Omitting “Nominations by SCCR are sent to the Rules Committee for approval”
	+ Spelling out UHP to say University Hearing Panel for consistency purposes
	+ Top of pg 41. The word “also” is spelled incorrectly
	+ Pg. 41, sec. 3, the word “insure” should be changed to “ensure”
	+ Changing 5 other “insures” throughout the code

Sen. Catanzaro’s blue book edits:

* Incorrect link in “University Review Committee” section should be corrected with: http://provost.illinoisstate.edu/downloads/aspt/ASPTmasterAugust2011.pdf
* Campus communication committee meeting has been moved to 9 A.M. and he suggests that we remove the time to avoid more time change errors

Sen. Cantanzaro:

* Let’s figure out a way to involve AP/Civil Service early in the process of proposals so they have longer time to review it and be informed at Senate meetings
* Some stakeholders are not aware of details until it is too late in the process
* Suggestion by Sen. Fazel: When exec sends a policy somewhere, an announcement is made so interested parties can get their hands on a copy and review it
* AP/Civil Service getting representation at exec is a more long-term conversation and would require a constitutional change
	+ Ms. Brauer: Many AP/Civil Service members are frustrated as they feel that the Senate is trying to speak for them
	+ Simply involving these groups earlier will ease this tension they are feeling
	+ It will have to be a collaborative effort between the two executive boards

We discussed the proposed changes to 3.2.17 “Creation of Policy” policy by Chairperson Kalter

Sen. Bushel: Section 10.1.2 seems problematic to AP/Civil Service because of routing issues

* The Senate has the purview to put policies where they see fit
* Brouwer: This is the type of language that is not inclusive of all groups and upsets AP/Civil Service
* Sen. Wortham: Committees should look to counsels as resources and self-invited inputs to policy issues
* Sen. Bushel: Those policies should get to the counsels through their representatives

This commentary will be brought back to the counsels and the results then brought back to the Senate.

Fazel: Not all of our responsibilities are listed directly in the policies

* Suggestion: Add “Faculty Affairs and Student Life and Conduct” to the list of policy responsibilities of the Senate policy 3.2.17 “Creation of Policy” to mirror the memorandum

Adjourned at 8:15 pm