**Rules Committee of Academic Senate**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

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

1. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call & Welcome
   1. Present: Sunil Chebolu, Paula Crowley, Kyle Falson, Henry Olson, Christian Trujillo, Sam Catanzaro, Obinna Mogbogu, Wendy Troxel, Michael Shurhay, Anne Wortham.
   2. Absent: Michalene Cox, Paul Dennhardt
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. Motioned by Falson - Seconded by Wortham - Unanimously Approved
4. Reports
   1. Chair’s Report
      1. Current status of task schedule for Rules Committee, 2015-2016
         1. The AFEGC Policy will be a big part of the Spring Semester. The subcommittee of the Rules Committee working on these guidelines will target February for full Committee Review.
      2. Current status of the Milner Library Council Bylaws
         1. Requested for more time.
5. Discussion
   1. The Blue Book Description of the AFEGC
      1. Discussion of the Academic Freedom policy at ISU. (Section 3.3.13) Topics included:
         * 1. Pursuit of truth and freedom of inquiry for both instructors and students. Chebolu: Gambling being subject matter in this curriculum this semester. Falson: allusion to controversial history topics
           2. Catanzaro & Falson: Purpose of education without inclination of favoring subject matter.
           3. Catanzaro: reference to Illinois State University Constitution
   2. College of Education (COE) Bylaws – Guest Dr. Tom Crumpler, Chair of College Council
      1. Chair provided a document summarizing concerns with COE Bylaws revisions.
      2. Crumpler summarized that last approved by Senate in 2009. Approved by College Council in 2015. Revisions focus on Clarity of Expression, Grammatical Errors, Precision of Language, Create uniform provision for committees.
         1. Crowley: Article IX Section 4 addition of AP and Civil Service representative? Discrepancy between revised and clean copy
            1. Crumpler: Last minute addition in the previous meeting that wasn’t documented.
            2. Crowley: Expressed concern about inconsistency between the documents. Evidence of approval by the Council and those involved.
         2. Crowley: Article III Section 1 Sub-section A – Who comes from where?
            1. Ambiguity expressed throughout committee composition.
            2. Crowley: “Each?”
            3. Troxel: Restate “14 Faculty Representatives: (Break it down)”
            4. Chebolu: Alternative is to become redundant in specific language.
            5. Crowley: Place numbers in parenthesis next to each desired representative.
         3. Crowley: Article III Section 1 Sub-section C – How will this student take the position?
            1. Catanzaro: Article IV Section 2 Sub-section B – Further clarification of what is intended here.
            2. Crowley: Students represent students. How might the Student Government collaborate in order to ensure student representation? Not filtered by faculty, staff or administrators?
            3. Crumpler: Departments make recommendations from students who will do the most good in their representation.
         4. Crowley: Article VIII Section 1 Sub-section E – What has been changed regarding vacancies? (regarding committees, not Council) Why dropped between versions?
            1. Crumpler: Section in Track-Changes that may have been deleted in transition.
            2. Crowley: Noticed in multiple places in this section of the document. Article VIII.
            3. Troxel: This represents a substantive change.
            4. Crumpler: Can be revisited.
         5. Crowley: Article VIII Section 6 Sub-section D – Election vacancies. “…and as needed” – why deleted from the clean copy?
         6. Crowley: Article VIII Section 7 – Term Appointment and Terms/Vacancies and Temporary Vacancies – also deleted.
6. Action
   1. Postponed as the Library Committee Policy is still in review
7. Adjournment at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christian Trujillo, Secretary of the Rules Committee.