University Statutes and Bylaws Committee
MINUTES
March 24, 2011

Members Attending: Christopher Kocela, John Duffield, Patrick Freer, Joel Glogowski, Kerry Heyward, Michelle Nelson, Bruce Seaman, Monica Swahn, and Irene Weber.


The chair, John Duffield, called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the November 16, 2010 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item was the proposal to amend the University Statutes, Article I: The University. This deleted the text that stated that we need BOR approval to reorganize the colleges/schools of the university. The motion passed. The next proposal was to amend the University Statutes, Article VI: The University Senate. This formalizes the role that the Senate has traditionally played in the creation and dissolution of colleges and schools. The motion passed. The next proposal was to amend the Senate Bylaws, Article VIII: Committees. This changes “Director of the Honors College” to “Dean” on the Committee on Admissions and Standards and it adds that position to the Committee on Academic Programs. Also the number of members from the College of Health and Human Sciences and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies was adjusted to reflect the upcoming changes to both units’ structures. After some discussion, it was agreed not to add the Dean of the Honors College to the Budget Committee at this time. In light of upcoming organizational changes in the university it was agreed to wait until all such matters are finalized.

The final proposal was a change in the Senate Bylaws for the Committee on Athletics. This would change both the membership and the duties of this committee. Kerry Heyward, who is a member of that committee, gave an overview of the changes and the rationale for those changes. The motion passed.

There was some discussion on the rules regarding electronic voting in Senate committees. The text in the Senate Bylaws does not address how votes should be counted by members who do not respond to a call for voting on a committee matter. John Duffield stated he would bring this matter up at the next Committee of Senate Chairs meeting to get feedback from the other chairs on this issue.

The committee agreed that the organizational meeting for the 2011-2012 committee will be on Thursday, April 21, at 2:30 p.m. in room 125 Aderhold Learning Center. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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