Ad Hoc Committee of Chairs  
MINUTES  
May 5, 2004  

Members present: Anne Emanuel, Marty Fraser, Bill Fritz, Fenwick Huss, Amy Lederberg, Cora Presley, George Rainbolt, Don Reitzes, Rebecca Stout, P. C. Tai, Cherian Thachenkary, Sally Wallace.

Members absent: Paul Alberto, Sam Cox, Fred Jacobs, Ramona Matthews, Basil Mattingly, John Newman, Andrew Sumner, Carol Winkler.

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Sally Wallace, chair.

Dr. Wallace asked Rebecca Stout to update the group on the issues that have come up concerning student discipline. She gave an overview of the most recent incident and the issues surrounding the student conduct process in general. She mentioned that in the spring semester, attendance from faculty to the Student Life and Development Committee meetings decreases significantly. The spring is when the most policy issues come up and it would be better in that regard to get input from the faculty committee members. In addition, no faculty member will run for the chairship of the committee. Dr. Stout continues to chair the committee, but feels it is inappropriate since the charge of the committee is to advise the Dean of Students. Another issue concerns the Student Discipline Committee. The case this spring is unique in that it was a charge against a student organization and that organization chose to have the case heard by the Senate committee. Student organizations do not fall under FERPA guidelines and that meant that the case could be heard in open hearings. Dr. Stout explained the other issues that came to light from the fallout of this case. She hopes to have the updated relevant sections of the Student Code of Conduct before the Senate at its October meeting. There was a general discussion of the Code of Conduct and the role of faculty advisors to student organizations. The subject shifted to whether the Student Discipline Committee needs to be a Senate committee. It was agreed that there needs to be a body of faculty members who hear student cases but should the members be Senators and the committee be under the University Senate?

There was some discussion about all the various offices that deal with dispute resolution, harassment, and grievances. The routes there are to follow when a situation arises. It was suggested that all the offices that deal with diversity be coordinated.

Dr. Wallace asked Amy Lederberg to give the committee an update on the Senate self-study ad hoc committee. There were a few committees that haven’t yet sent its self-study in to Dr. Lederberg. There was a discussion about the Student Discipline Committee. It was stated that the Student Discipline Committee doesn’t make policy or recommendations; it acts. The self-study committee will begin its work in the fall. Since some members of the current committee are not staying on the Senate, new members will need to be assigned as well. There was a discussion about the route the recommendations that come out of this committee will take.

George Rainbolt gave an update on the Data Management Committee. Dr. Wallace gave an update on the committee looking into the NTT issue. Bill Prigge from the College of Law is chairing the committee. Its first task is to get an inventory of all the NTT positions. There was a brief discussion about traffic safety. Bill Fritz indicated that Police Chief Connie Sampson is willing to speak to campus groups about traffic safety issues.

The final item of business was the approval of the January 13 minutes. The minutes were approved with no amendments.

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nell Stone,
committee assistant