Committee of Chairs  
Minutes  
May 10, 2005

Present: Paul Alberto, Dean Dabney, Dabney Dixon, Bill Fritz, Cecelia Grindel, Hugh Hudson, Val Miller, Siva Nathan, Yi Pan, Dave Pavesic, George Rainbolt, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Marti Singer, Rebecca Stout, P. C. Tai, and Carol Winkler.
Absent: Cora Presley, Laurie Tis, and Bill Waugh.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Paul Alberto, at 12:05 p.m. Dr. Alberto called on Marti Singer, chair of University Statutes and Senate Bylaws, to update the committee on the Senate self-study. Dr. Singer gave a general overview of the Senate self-study to date and what the committee’s plan is for the coming Senate year. S&B will focus on the membership lists of the various standing committees. Val Miller mentioned that membership on the Student Discipline Committee needs to increase. It has been difficult in the past to get a panel together on short notice to hear a case. Rebecca Stout stated that the former SGA president asked that the student membership on the various Senate committees be examined. With only ten student senators (and these same students having full academic schedules), it is difficult to place a student senator on each committee. One solution might be to allow the SGA president to appoint members of the SGA student senate on some of the committees rather than restricting committee membership to the ten (university) student senators.

The discussion continued. Carol Winkler stated that the functionality of a particular committee needs to be included in the discussion of who sits on that committee. Some committees have greater workloads and need more committee members than others. Dean Dabney talked about this past year’s nominations process.

The next item of business was the election of the two senators to serve on FACP. Dr. Alberto opened the floor for nominations. Cherian Thachenkary, Paul Alberto, and Dave Pavesic were nominated. With no more nominations, the nominations were closed. Ballots were completed and tallied with Drs. Thachenkary and Alberto being elected.

Since there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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