Committee of Chairs
Minutes
February 28, 2007

Present: Paul Alberto, Al Baumstark for P. C. Tai, Dean Dabney, Cecelia Grindel, Hugh Hudson, George Pullman, George Rainbolt, Don Reitzes, and Tim Renick.
Absent: Missy Cody, Dabney Dixon, Bill Fritz, Valerie Miller, Siva Nathan, Cora Presley, Debbie Rupp, Marti Singer, Laurie Tis, and P. C. Tai.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Paul Alberto, at 11:06 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the January 31, 2007 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was a discussion of the findings that Dean Dabney pulled together regarding committee membership. He was looking at committee proportionality by college/unit. He compared the composition of Senate committees now and what those committees would look like if the proportions were updated based on the current Senate composition. He distributed his materials. After some discussion, it was determined that the best course of action at this time was to leave the committee structures alone. The proposal originally brought forward by S&B will now go forward as presented earlier with one change: Faculty Affairs will add a representative from the Counseling Center. Dr. Alberto proposed that in future years the Executive Committee chair will send the Nominations Committee a memo stating:

"It is accepted practice that committees of the Senate have differing membership composition based in part on purpose and workload, which influence representation. While numerous factors guide the minimum membership structure for the various committees, it is in the best interest of the body for fair representation and voice to be reflected in the membership of all committees. Rather than trying to structure this desired outcome, the Nominations Committee shall take care to preserve fair representation across the various units of the university when preparing its nominations report each year. The Executive Committee will continue to verify membership parity before sending the report to the full Senate for approval."

Dr. Alberto called on Cece Grindel to update the group on the issue of background checks. Dr. Grindel stated that a taskforce has been set up consisting of: Hugh Hudson, Cherian Thachenkary, Dick Miller, Robbie Friedmann, Kerry Howard, Jeannie Barrett, Corneill Stephens, and Joan Gabel. Dr. Grindel will chair this taskforce and its first meeting is March 2. It is planned to have a policy and a response to the Chancellor by for review by the Senate in the fall.

Since there was no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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