Committee of Chairs
Minutes
May 2, 2007

Present: Paul Alberto, Deron Boyles, Elisabeth Burgess, Dean Dabney, Christine Gallant, Sandra Garber, Hugh Hudson, George Pullman, George Rainbolt, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, and P.C. Tai.
Absent: Dabney Dixon, Bill Fritz, Cece Grindel, Siva Nathan, Marti Singer, and Laurie Tis.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Paul Alberto, at 12:09 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the February 28, 2007 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was the election of the two Senators to serve on the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President. The floor was opened for nominations. Paul Alberto and Paul Farnham were nominated and the nominations were closed. The two Senators were elected to serve on FACP.

Dr. Alberto asked Hugh Hudson to update the group on the issue of background checks. A draft document dealing with the procedures has been written. At present, the BOR’s policy states that a person with a felony conviction cannot be hired. This policy may change in the future. There will be a procedure to review misdemeanors. This review committee will consist of representatives from: Police administration, the Provost’s Office, HR, Legal Affairs, and from the college (a faculty representative). This faculty representative will not come from the department that is doing the hiring, as that would constitute a conflict of interest. Discussion is continuing on how long to retain any records.

Other issues were updated. The HR review committee, chaired by Bill Downs, will have the data analyzed by next week. Concrete recommendations will be forthcoming. The Research Committee will be looking into concerns about the operations of the IRB. There is some concern about the new telephone system and how it came to be authorized. A joint sub-committee with members from P&D, Budget, and IS&T will be looking into it. The motion to add a domestic partner insurance tier will come to the Senate in the fall. Student Life and Development will be reviewing the Student Code of Conduct. Some of the sections may require joint sub-committees to be formed. The BOR recently changed the rules regarding the academic calendar.

Since there was no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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