Minutes of the 10/27/04 meeting of the Nominations Committee

Members present: Dean Dabney, Shelby Frost, Douglas Goans, Amy Lederberg, Basil Mattingly, Don Reitzes, Debbie Rupp, Tourgee Simpson, and Andy Sumner

Dean Dabney, the committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00. There were two items of business on the agenda. The first was to approve a series of changes in committee representation resulting from changes in student, administrator, and faculty changes in duties. All changes were reviewed and approved by the committee. It was agreed that Dean Dabney would pass the changes along to the Senate office. The other item on the agenda was a discussion of the committee’s structure, pursuant to the Senate Self-Study being prepared by Statutes and Bylaws. A motion was made and passed to update the language in the committee’s charge. A motion was made for the representation from Arts & Sciences to be expanded from one to three members. The college is far too large for one individual to coordinate committee preferences. The proposal called for a representative from the natural sciences, one from the humanities, and one from the social sciences. Discussion ensued and the motion passed. A motion was made to remove the staff and student representatives from the Nominations Committee. It was reasoned that these constituencies conduct separate elections that do not correspond with the Senate calendar. It has been customary for the representative to pass on committee preferences to the Nominations Committee later in the Senate season and for those requests to be granted. It was thus argued that this situation precludes the need for representation on the committee. Discussion ensued and the motion passed. A motion was made to rename the committee the Faculty Nominations Committee. The motion passed. It was agreed that Dean Dabney would pass these motions on the Statutes & Bylaws for consideration as they prepared the Senate Self Study.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.