The meeting was called to order by the chair, Amy Lederberg, at 10:10 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the January 21, 2004 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item for discussion was the Senate calendar. Dr. Lederberg explained that the proposal presented today was the reverse of the original motion that changed it to its current form. The floor was opened for discussion. Because it is confusing for new members to start in the middle of the budget process, the start time for FACP was moved to the last week of spring semester. There was some discussion about whether the start of the academic year or the fiscal year was the most efficient calendar for this committee. Since Edgar Torbert is the committee assistant for FACP, it was suggested that Dr. Lederberg check with him about the committee’s start time. If the proposal needs to be amended, it could be done via email. The proposal was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

The next item was a proposal to amend the University Statutes, Article V. Section 1. The sentence to be added at the end of the paragraph reads: “Titles of other principal administrators that hold faculty-equivalent status for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the Regent’s Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) are as listed in the Faculty Handbook”. The motion was seconded. The Faculty Affairs Committee is preparing the list of eligible faculty. The question was called. The motion passed.

The next item of business came from an email Dr. Lederberg received from Sally Wallace. Dr. Wallace was seeking the Statutes and Bylaws Committee’s opinion. Can the Executive Committee allow RCB to change its clock schedule in the fall without Senate approval? There was some discussion on whether this comes under the Senate’s purview at all. The committee agreed that the Provost as Chief Academic Officer can authorize this change and doesn’t need Senate approval to do so.

Since there was no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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