Members present: Tim Crimmins, Dan Franklin, MaryAnne Gaunt, Doug Goans, Eva Horne, John Marshall, Carol Winkler.
Members absent: Perry Binder, Josh Evans, Rick Lakes, Tom Lewis, Mark Rider, Mary Shoffner, Marti Singer, Corneill Stephens.

Because the chair was off campus at the Board of Regents, Carol Winkler called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the December minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

The first committee reviewed was Faculty Affairs. Dr. Singer was to ask the FAC chair about its recommended changes i.e.: did FAC intend the three additional members to be voting members or not? No correspondence from FAC was forwarded to Dr. Winkler for this meeting. S&B took no action on this committee at this time.

Dr. Winkler reported on the status of the changes submitted by the Nominations Committee. The University Library has requested to be a permanent member of this committee rather than alternating with the Counseling Center. After some discussion, it was agreed to leave the Library's membership as is and to recommend that Arts and Sciences have two members on this committee. The chair of Nominations still needs to provide a rationale to include with the proposal.

Since S&B has not received any recommendations from Admissions and Standards to date, the committee took no action. The next committee discussed was Planning and Development. There was a brief discussion about the student representatives. A motion was made to approve the recommended changes as submitted by P&D. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Student Discipline Committee was reviewed next. The chair has recommended that two more students be added to the committee so that it will be easier to schedule a hearing. S&B agreed that this change should be made, however, the chair needs to submit the amended text and a rationale for this change.

The next committee reviewed was the Student Life and Development Committee. There was discussion on how the ratio would be affected if the proposed changes were approved. It was agreed that there should be more discussion on how the student representatives would be assigned. A motion was made and seconded that the chair of SL&D needs to submit an updated draft that takes into consideration the “25% rule”.

The University Library requested that it be a permanent member of S&B. At the December meeting, S&B approved two changes: changing the language from “at least eight” to “at least seven” faculty members, one from each college/unit and naming the Counseling Center as an alternate to the Library. [to read: “… and one from the University Library/Counseling Center”. The Library would like for the latter change to be rescinded. A motion was made and seconded to rescind that change.

The Research Committee was reviewed next. The text it recently submitted to Dr. Singer did not reflect S&B’s recommendation that a senator from the University Library be added to this committee. There was discussion about the cap of 30 members on the committee. It was suggested to leave the language as “at least 26” and not have a cap. The Research chair still needs to submit a statement of rationale for the proposed changes.

The next meeting of the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee will be on Thursday, February 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the Troy Moore Library. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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