The chair, Marti Singer called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the January minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Dr. Singer gave a summary of the status of the Nominations Committee. It appears that the Nominations chair thought that the recommended membership the committee submitted last year along with its revised duties was approved by S&B. S&B only reviewed the section on duties last year. The chair of Nominations still needs to provide a rationale to include with its proposal for amended membership.

The next committee reviewed was Admissions and Standards. The chair has submitted the committee’s recommendation and the rationale for the changes. After much discussion the committee agreed that the phrase “or his designee” should be eliminated for many reasons: one being that the notion of a designee is not presently being used in the Senate and adding it could start an unwanted precedent. In addition, the committee needs to add one more elected Senator in order to be in compliance with the “25% rule”. Dr. Singer will contact the A&S chair with these recommendations.

The next committee reviewed was the Student Life and Development Committee. At present, all ten elected student senators serve on this committee, however, often times few attend due to scheduling difficulties with their classes and other committee obligations. The SLAD recommendation was to keep five elected student senators and have the SGA president appoint the other five student members. After much discussion, S&B members agreed to recommend against this model. Although it’s difficult sometimes to get all ten student senators to attend, the most workable solution would be to leave the student membership as is. In addition, the committee needs to add one more elected Senator in order to be in compliance with the “25% rule”. Dr. Singer will contact Rebecca Stout with S&B’s recommendations.

The last committee reviewed was Faculty Affairs. It was determined that the three people FAC would like to add would be non-voting members. After some discussion, S&B decided the best approach would be to call these three additional members “non-voting” rather than “ex-officio” and add them at the end of the committee structure along with the currently listed non-voting member. Dr. Singer will send the FAC chair this recommendation.

The next meeting of the University Statutes and Senate Bylaws Committee will be on Thursday, March 23, at 12:30 p.m. in room 904-GCB. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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