



Executive Committee
November 3, 2005

Minutes

Present: Goldstein, Robinson, Hill, Andrews, Devkota, Rockwell, Plummer, Callan, Barbeau, Creelan

Call to Order: Dr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from October 6, 2005 were approved as presented.

Standing Committee Reports:

Strategies & Responsibilities: Dr. Zheng Dong

Student Affairs Subcommittee: The reconstitution of the committee was approved by the Academic Council at their October 20th meeting by unanimous vote. The confirmed members to date are as follows:

Faculty Membership:

Wilma Sykes-Brown (SOM-Student Affairs)
Jill Miller (SOM-Student Health)
Peter Shipman (L)
Thomas Kiernan (SOM – VA Admin.)

Dean's/Library Director Representatives:

Patricia Cameron (SGS)
Georgia Narsavage (SON)
Mark Spasser (L)
Bill Andrews (SAHS)

ARSA Policy Review: Marilee Creelan updated the Executive Committee on the progress of the ARSA policy changes stating that the work was underway and should be completed in a timely manner.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The following changes were approved by the Academic Council via electronic vote in June 2005. They will be presented at the General Faculty Assembly for approval in January.

Change to FADPT Policy: Modification of Section 5.3.2

Change to the MCG FADPT policy 5.3.2 (see attachment). The Dean's Council proposed to permit peer reviewed publications in print, electronic, and multi-media formats including syllabi, instructional materials, and evaluation tools to be considered scholarly products that can be used as evidence of research and scholarship for FADPT purposes. This expands what can be considered and will be especially useful for faculty with significant teaching responsibilities. The Academic Council Executive and FADPT committees support this proposed policy change.

Changes to the Structure of the Academic Council Committees:

The Faculty Governance Committee, Bylaws and Statutes Review subcommittee and the Executive committee support changing the Academic Council committee structure as detailed in the attached section of the bylaws (Changes are in Bold). These consist of reducing the size of most subcommittees to 6 members, one from each school and the library, except for the Faculty Grievance subcommittee (3 from each school (SOM, SOD, SAHS, SON) plus 2 from GS and 1 from the Library, 15 members total) and the Research Ethics subcommittee (10 members = 2 from each school). This will aid in reducing the difficulty in recruiting faculty for both appointed and elected committees and in scheduling meetings, as well as making better use of faculty time. Additionally, the committees currently have one, two, three or four-year terms with many committees having all members replaced at one time. This has led to loss of institutional memory and experience within the committee structure. It has been recommended that all committee move to a three-year term with one third of the membership replaced each year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.