

Committee on the Oversight of the Faculty Handbook

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 3:30

Location: UC Annex 217

Committee Members in attendance: (Division) (End of term)

Roger Ladd (LETT) (2020)

Thomas Dooling (NSM Chair) (2021)

Olivia Oxendine (EDUC) (2021)

Emily Neff-Sharum (SBS) (2022)

Jennifer Wells (CHS) (2022)

Rachel B. Smith (FERS Secretary) (Ex Officio)

Members not in attendance:

June Power (ARTS) (2020)

I. The meeting was called to order 3:31pm.

II. The minutes of the January 16 meeting were approved after correcting the spelling of “consilium”.

III. The agenda was adopted as circulated.

VII Old Business

1. Review of change to Handbook in Section 1, Article I, Section 3.D

Due to an error, this section previously added the phrase “of the Faculty Senate” where it should read:

D. A quorum for Meetings of the General Faculty shall consist of a majority of the voting membership as defined above (see Article I, Section 1). A majority vote of members present is sufficient to conduct business, except that when the question of revoking an action of the Faculty Senate is under consideration by the General Faculty, a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the General Faculty shall be required to annul.

The Chair will bring this corrected change to the Faculty Senate for their approval.

2. Review of current items in Section 1

o Use of the words “policy” and “regulation”

The committee decided that since all actions by the Faculty Senate and its committees and subcommittees are subject to the approval of the Chancellor, no change in the use of “policy” and “regulation” was necessary.

o The following changes were made to incorporate gender neutral language:

1. pg. 14.

B. No Acts of the Senate shall have the effect of policy unless they have been passed by a majority vote and bear the signature of the Chancellor of the University, indicating ~~his~~the Chancellor’s approval.

2. pg. 15

A. Notification by the Senator to the Chair of (1) ~~his/her~~ their resignation, or (2) a leave-of-absence;

3. pg 17

Section 8. The Chair of each Standing Committee shall speak for the Committee. ~~The Chair He/she~~ may present an oral or written report, but in every case the presentation must give sufficient information on which the Senate can act.

4. pg. 29
The SGA president or ~~her/his~~ designee.

- The Chair will refer two issues related to the section on pg. 14 below to Faculty Governance.
 1. We suggest combining B. with A.1.
 2. We aren't sure whether the Chancellor is still in the practice of signing the Faculty Senate Routing Forms.

Section 4. Actions of the Senate completed

A. Actions of the Senate shall be in one of three forms:

1. Act. An Act shall have the effect of policy.
2. Resolution. A Resolution shall express the sentiment of the Senate.
3. Recommendation. A Recommendation shall express the advice of the Senate, giving advice only.

B. No Acts of the Senate shall have the effect of policy unless they have been passed by a majority vote and bear the signature of the Chancellor of the University, indicating ~~his~~the Chancellor's approval.

C. Upon passage of an action as defined above, the Chair of the Senate shall submit the completed Faculty Senate Routing Form to the Chancellor within three school days of its passage.

D. The Chancellor may veto an Act. In such case the Senate shall be notified of such action at its next meeting.

VIII. New Business

VI. Possible change in handbook format (proposal from Senate Chair)

The Administration would like to reorganize the Handbook quickly and has proposed to hire someone to do it over the summer. The Faculty Senate Chair is attempting to negotiate a compromise, perhaps a committee of faculty who might undertake the task.

IX. Announcements

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 3:30 PM in 217 UC Annex

X. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm.