

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Present: Allen, Baird, DeJong, Melakeberhan, Rosser, Smith; Others: Harrison Wright

Absent: Hughes, Peterson

Jackie Wright, Secretary for Academic Governance, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005. The agenda was approved as distributed. The minutes of the April 7, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed.

Elections: The secretary of UCAG will be named on a rotating basis (each meeting). The election of a chair and vice chair was deferred and will occur via email prior to the next meeting.

Athletic Council Perks: The committee discussed perks for members of the Athletic Council as originally described in the minutes of 4/7/05. Any action was deferred and Dr. Michael Kasavana will be asked to attend the next (or earliest as possible) UCAG meeting to discuss Athletic Council membership perks. The bylaws of the Athletic Council will be sent to UCAG membership in advance of the meeting attended by Dr. Kasavana.

Faculty Substitute on UCAG: The committee voted in the affirmative that Dr. George Allen (College of Nursing) will be a full voting member of UCAG for the 2005-2006 academic year with all the rights and responsibilities thereof. He will be the permanent substitute for one member during Fall Semester and for another member during Spring Semester.

UCSA Proposed Bylaw Amendments: The bylaw changes proposed by the University Committee on Student Affairs were discussed. The UCAG questions were discussed at the April 2005 meeting and are reflected in those minutes. UCAG decided to send our questions/concerns back and await clarification, particularly related to the use of the term "selected" vs. "elected".

Proposed Bylaw Amendments: UCAG discussed bylaws 3.3.1.4 and 4.2.2.1 concerning the election of committee membership and the determination of committee chair for the various University committees. The problem of getting colleges to hold elections such that committee membership for the next academic year is determined by April of the preceding academic year was discussed. College responsibility in voting on committee membership is declining. UCAG decided to have the Secretary for Academic Governance inform Provost Wilcox and ask for his support. The goal is to try and get elections back on schedule under the current bylaws. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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