

Rules and Review Committee Minutes
March 20-24, 2009
Via Electronic-Mail

Participating Committee Members: James Glasgow, Jay Strieb, John Johannes, John Stofey, Kristin Seeger, Latishia James, Robert Styer, Selma Koury-Wunderlich, Stephen Fugale, Tahir Qadeer, Helen Herron, Tom Demarco, Walter Randolph-Smith.

Selma Koury-Wunderlich, Chair, sent the following message to the Committee explaining the reason for the email:---

“At this time of year, the amount of Rules and Review business has dwindled considerably. Therefore, anything that must be covered now can be done electronically. If you feel that a face to face meeting is necessary, please let me know and I will schedule a meeting for April.”
There were no objections to the electronic meeting.

Topics discussed:---

1. The yearly report of the activities of the Rules and Review Committee for 2008-2009 was read at the March 13, 2009 meeting of the Senate. The report was accepted by the Senate, and it was attached to the email.
2. The amendment we recommended to restructure the Senate Executive Committee was passed by the Senate at the March 13, 2009 meeting. It now goes to the Board of Trustees for approval before any new members are seated on the Senate Executive Committee.
3. The subcommittee evaluating the Athletic Advisory Committee is still working on the project. Because of various delays, the subcommittee will continue their evaluation. Tom Demarco, Kristin Seeger and Tahir Qadeer form the subcommittee.
4. At the last University Senate meeting on March 13, the new amendment relating to the change in the interval for evaluations of the standing committees was introduced. The Parliamentarian, Dr. Joseph Dellapenna, suggested a change in the wording for clarity. I responded that I would take it back to Rules and Review for revision. I would appreciate your comments on the change.

Original: *The Rules and Review committee shall commence an evaluation report of the University Senate and of each standing committee (exclusive of the Rules and Review Committee) on a rotating basis at least once every three to six years.*

Revision (underlined): *The Rules and Review Committee shall commence an evaluation...on a rotating basis not less than every three years, nor more than every six years.*

Please note that with any change that is made, the amendment must be resubmitted to the Executive Committee, and then reintroduced to the Senate at the April meeting. On that schedule, it will not be voted on until the September 2009 Senate meeting.

Between March 20, 2009 and March 24, 2009, the Rules and Review committee members sent several emails to the Chair regarding the rewording of the amendment. On March 24, a consensus was reached for the final wording. The Chair thanked all for their replies, especially Jim Glasgow, who edited the replies. The Chair wrote that the reworded amendment would be submitted to Bob Styer, Chair of the Senate and Chair of the Executive Committee, so that it can be included on the Senate agenda.

The final wording submitted read as follows:

The Rules and Review Committee shall commence an evaluation of the University Senate and each standing committee (exclusive of the Rules and Review Committee) at least every six years.

With no other business to discuss, Selma Koury-Wunderlich, Chair, closed the meeting with the final email dated March 24, 2009.

