

Villanova University
Minutes of the Rules and Review Committee
November 19, 2008

Present: James Glasgow, Jay Strieb, John Johannes, Kristin Seeger, Latishia James, Robert Styer, Selma Koury-Wunderlich, Chair, Tahir Qadeer, Tom Demarco, Walter Smith-Randolph, John Stofey, and Stephen Fugale, Helen Heron (*ex-officio*)

The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

I. Approval of minutes from the October 8, 2008 meeting

II. Discussion of the structure of the University Senate Executive Board

- Mr. Glasgow stated that one representative from each faction should be a part of the University Senate. This would make the University Senate similar to a Board of Directors.
- Possibly include more students
- Another suggestion was to have the chairs of each committee represented.
- Dr. Styer's goal is to have the staff chair placed on the Executive Board.
- The committee voted on this suggestion and it was passed. unanimously.
- The Chair, Ms. Koury-Wunderlich summarized the three options for the composition of the Senate Executive Board. The options included the present make-up, or an increase in the number of staff senators and/or student senators. It was agreed, by consensus, that the amendment should read as follows;

“The Executive Committee shall consist of the Presiding Officer and the Executive Secretary of the Senate, the President of the Student Government Association, the Chairperson of the University Staff Council, the Chairperson of the Faculty Congress, and the President of the Alumni Association or delegated representative, all ex officio, plus one additional student, one additional staff member, one additional faculty member, and two administrators elected for one year terms by and from the membership of the Senate. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be the Presiding Officer of the Senate.”

III. Discussion of the Evaluation of Standing Committees

- A review of the standing committees is taken every 3 years.
- This may be considered too often.
- A suggestion was to use creative interpretation of when a committee should be reviewed.

- Another suggestion was a 4-year gap
- The Committee agreed that the statement for the evaluation of a standing committee should be restated in the Senate Constitution as follows:

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

Tom Demarco, Tahir Qadeer, and Kristin Seeger will commence a review on the Athletic Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tahir Qadeer

Secretary

Student Senator VSB