

FINAL REPORT FOR FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES 2004-05

The Committee on Rules has met regularly during this academic year on every other Friday morning and some consecutive Fridays.

The Fall semester was consumed with making revisions in the Faculty Senate Internal Procedures document which was passed by the Senate and will be, if it isn't already, posted on the web for all Senators.

The Committee on Rules also proposed and the Senate passed a motion changing the Faculty Senate Rules governing the number of Senators representing each department of the university. This will have to be presented to the faculty-at-large in August and the Board of Regents at their meeting, if passed by the Faculty-at-large.

The Spring semester began with a concentration on the Faculty Senate Rules but we were then asked to revise the Council on Academic Affairs so it would become a part of the Faculty Senate and would be a council of faculty making academic decisions instead of administrators. This took a large part of the semester with a draft for an Undergraduate Council and finally a draft for a Graduate Council revision being presented to the Executive Committee. We plan to have both of these drafts reviewed for feedback by the Council on Academic Affairs and the existing Graduate Council respectively. I will be meeting with the Graduate Council this week and I will continue to work with the Provost on these revisions.

And finally the Committee on Rules will be proposing at this meeting a policy concerning attendance and participation of Senators on Senate Committees and Senate meetings.

It is our intention to review the Internal Procedures again during this summer and follow up with a new update early in the Fall semester. It is our plan that this will not take as long next year, however the Internal Procedures must be reviewed every year. We will then pick up again with the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils and the Faculty Senate Rules in the Faculty Handbook.

A part of our charge at the beginning of this academic year was to consider a position of a Vice Chair for the Senate, but this was done by an ad hoc committee appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate. The Senate passed the motion for a Vice Chair and release time for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate when it was presented.

We feel very good about progress made this year toward our charges and look forward to serving the Senate again next year!

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