

Facilities and Services
A Standing Committee of the UWG Senate

Minutes

September 16, 2011

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Members present: Jon Anderson, Madison Barnett, Leos Kral, Jenny Lawson, Kathy Moffeit, Jeff Rooks, Shelley Smith, Jim Sutherland

Guests present: Chris Aanstoos (former Rules Committee Chair), Chris Huff (Faculty Senate Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Shelley Smith, Chair, at 3:00 p.m. Introductions were made. The minutes from the last meeting (Sept. 7) were approved without revision.

Old business:

Discussion of committee's charge. The newness of the committee was discussed. Dr. Aanstoos commented that yes, it is new, but it replaces the previous committee (General University Matters). It is better and more coherent; it uplifts and improves the university mission. We can interpret the charge as broadly or specifically as we want. We have the same charge, plus additional tasks. The new content is the environmental and sustainability issues.

The Protocols of the Senate, which were received by the Senate earlier this calendar year but not accepted by that body to date, codify the new concept of advising the VP for Business and Finance. Proposed advisory groups for each division are different from the standard committee formulation in the past. The Vice President of Business and Finance has a much larger responsibility than covered by this committee (e.g., human relations and the budget). He asked for clarity about limits: does he need to seek advice from this committee, or do we ask him? We agreed that no, he is not compelled to seek advice. Mr. Sutherland stated that opinion is different from advice; advice is the result of research. The committee members discussed and agreed that any advice the committee might offer should be based on sound research. It was agreed that the advising of vice presidents is a senatorial issue. It was moved, seconded, and approved to hold the first purpose (advising the VP of B&F) in abeyance until a Faculty Senate ruling is made.

Mr. Huff noted that meetings of senatorial committees are open to everyone and that we need to get advance notice of meetings on a public site.

Mr. Sutherland recommended as an informational item that everyone read Chancellor Huckaby's speech to the Board of Regents.

Volunteer policy. No one suggested further revisions to the Sept. 12, 2011 version, so it will be presented as is to the Faculty Senate as an action item at the next Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Smith
Chair