

Bylaws & Faculty Code
November 20, 2018—Minutes

Present: Jason Dormady, Mary Radeke, Walter Szeliga

Absent: Stephen Robison, Bret Smith

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Minutes of November 6, 2018 were approved as written.

Chair Updates

No communication or discussion has been received for the Gen Ed Bylaws and Code language following the November 14 senate meeting. Mary will be presenting the Distinguished Faculty language at the senate meeting on November 28.

Mary emailed Amy with the questions regarding the Distinguished Faculty language from the last meeting. The president was okay with the 12-15 WLU but wanted to see the award recipient give some of that time back to the university in the form of service.

New language was added to replace the second sentence in Appendix B, Sec. II: “Recipients of the Board of Trustees Distinguished Faculty Award will engage in the equivalent of 4 additional service or research WLU in the year following the award. These 4 WLU will be utilized in a manner determined through negotiation between the awardee and the office of the president.”

Mary moved; Walter seconded, to approve the changes. Changes were approved.

EC Updates

Bret sent an email regarding the potential change to the number of required readings for any proposed code changes. *Robert’s Rules* states that rules can be suspended for one meeting. A possible way to approach the issue might be to change the current rule in the bylaws to state that rules can be suspended to allow two readings when needed.

The number of required readings is addressed in our code in IV.4.J, and in the bylaws in IX – Amendment Process. There have been issues in the past with senators feeling as if we are rushing through things. Three readings can take an entire quarter and requires additional planning if crossing quarter or year boundaries.

There is some hesitation to change the existing language. The standard in other organizations with code and bylaws is to have three readings. Conversely, we don’t want to rush things, but we don’t want to take three readings either. The point of having the code language written in such a way is because it affects everyone and allows people who aren’t on the senate to be involved. It also gives senators time to go back and talk with their departments.

Last year we amended the rules in order to get a specific item through senate before the

end of the year. Last year we voted on suspending the rules and having the second reading be the third reading. The reorganization policy will be going to the BOT again in February, but now that the Gen Ed implementation has been approved, that affects everything.

Walter suggested keeping the language as-is. The current language allows for changes only in extreme cases and that doesn't need to be changed.

Code Rewrite

Mary indicated the code is document that is constantly changing in terms of organization and content. Senate has to vote on any changes to content. Would the code rewrite be more of a reorganization, or are we reinventing what shared governance means? The charge appears on the list of charges every year.

Walter will contact other Faculty Senate groups from the conference some EC members recently attended, to find out how their codes are organized find out which seems to work best for shared governance.

Jason questioned the organization of the code. There is a section on distinguished faculty awards and also an appendix on distinguished faculty awards. Mary indicated the appendix is more of the procedure and also addresses funding. Last year there was some discussion about moving the procedural language into bylaws or into appendices.

Work and discussion will continue at the next meeting. The code will be added to a shared OneDrive so everyone will have access to it.

Other?

No meeting on December 4 – instead work on code review and make changes to the document in the OneDrive.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Next Meeting:
January 8, 2019
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