

Minutes*

**Senate Consultative Committee
Thursday, October 23, 2008
3:00 – 4:30
Room 238A Morrill Hall**

Present: Emily Hoover (chair), William Craig, Shawn Curley, William Durfee, Jason Einertson, Michael Hancher, Ryan Kennedy, Karen Lovro, Nelson Rhodus, Becky Yust

Absent: Jeffrey Anderson, Gary Balas, Katie Best, Susan Cable, Nancy Carpenter, Carol Chomsky, Janet Fitzakerley, Marti Hope Gonzales, Jeffrey Kahn, Miriam Maiga, Judith Martin, Michael Oakes

Guests: none

Others: none

[In these minutes: governance review of policies]

Governance Review of Policies

Professor Hoover convened the meeting at 3:15 and reported on the processes that are being developed for the review of administrative and regental policies by the governance system. She distributed copies of guidelines that are to be used that indicate which policies should be reviewed by which committee(s), if any, and whether they should be brought to a senate for information, discussion, and action. She noted that although there are "Senate" policies noted on the University's policy website, all Senate policies must be adopted by the administration, so all are ultimately administrative policies in order to be implemented.

The Committee held a lengthy discussion about how students, P&A staff, and Civil Service staff should fit into the policy-review process. At present the consultation path for policies is being identified but the Student Senate has not been included. The Committee agreed that students should be involved, where appropriate, and that some policies should probably be referred to the Student Senate. The Committee will have the opportunity to review and decide on the final consultation path for each policy; the recommendations from the various ad hoc groups that are developing them will come to this Committee for approval.

Mr. Craig expressed concern that P&A staff would not see a policy draft in time for CAPA to review and discuss it. He was reassured by the fact that no policy would go to the University Senate before it came to this Committee, so the CAPA representatives would have an opportunity to see it.

It was agreed the draft guidelines should be amended to include students. It was also agreed that Professor Hoover and Messrs. Craig and Kennedy would meet to develop a proposal to revise the guidelines.

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Professor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:00.

-- Gary Engstrand

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