Minutes

**Members Present:** Larry Backer, Robin Bower (by Polycom), Mark Casteel (Vice Chair), Michael Chorney (by phone), Patricia Hinchev, Pamela Hufnagel, Jonna Kulikowich, Jeffrey Laman, Christopher Long, Cynthia Robinson (Chair), Keith Shapiro, James Strauss, and Brenton Yarnal

**Member Absent:** Dawn Blasko

**Others:** Kim Steiner (member 2014-15), Dan Hagen

Chair Cynthia Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in 201 Kern Building. The minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously. Chair Robinson summarized the Officers and Chairs meeting of April 28.

**Old Business**

Extra–Senatorial Committee on Varsity Coach Searches. Brent Yarnal and Jeff Laman reviewed the issue and gave an update on the discussions that had occurred with Linda Caldwell, FAR; David Joyner, Athletic Director; President Erickson and Provost Jones since the previous CC&R meeting. Several questions were asked for clarification. On a Casteel/Hinchey motion the Legislative Report was approved for Senate Council consideration.

Retired faculty senator election criteria. They were reviewed by Chair Robinson. On a Casteel/Shapiro motion the Committee voted unanimously to change the procedures to remove the geographical restriction for eligibility and to remove the limitation on eligibility only to those who have retired within the previous 10 years. Hagen will draft a Legislative Report that will include those items and the remaining procedures for retired faculty senator elections for review by the officers and CC&R before it is sent to Senate Council for consideration. The question was raised about the potential for retiree senators from long distances to request travel cost reimbursement. Such expenditures could be excessive and the Senate Office budget could not bear such costs.

**New Business**

Amendment to the Standing Rules, Article I, Section 11(g) – Implementation of the Ruiz resolution on reporting election results. The draft Legislative Report was approved for submission to Senate Council on a Shapiro/Casteel motion.

The question posed by the General Education Task Force regarding the need for additional committees to review any curricular changes resulting from the Task Force was considered. It was suggested that new Senate Chair Kulikowich should name a committee comprising members of Curricular Affairs and the Logistics Subcommittee of the Task Force to integrate the
curricular and logistical implications of the final plan for General Education reform, once the scope and content of the changes in General Education are resolved.

Possible agenda items for 2014-15 were discussed. The use of resolutions in place of committee consideration to address issues was noted as a concern. It was suggested that the 2014-15 committee consider developing a rule that would direct resolutions to the Senate Chair for consideration and disposition—advise the submitter if the issue was already under study, send to a committee for study, or reject. If the Chair rejects the resolution, the submitter would then be free to offer the resolution at the next plenary session.

Chair Robinson thanked the members of the committee for their participation over the past year and the meeting of the 2013-14 committee was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The 2014-15 committee members then convened to elect committee leadership. Chris Long conducted the election. Mark Casteel was elected Chair for 2014-15; Patricia Hinchey was elected Vice Chair. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by Dan Hagen