SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES

Minutes for Meeting #1, September 9, 2014

Members Present:

Members Absent:
Christopher Long, Kim Steiner

Other:
Dan Hagen

Chair Mark Casteel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in 201 Kern Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of the April 29, 2014 were approved unanimously on a Hinchey/Chorney motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chair Casteel summarized the Officers and Chairs meeting of September 8. A key discussion item was the conversion from ANGEL to Blackboard. The test planned for Blackboard has been delayed, pending the release of a new Blackboard program. J. Strauss asked if Penn State could purchase the rights to the code for ANGEL to avoid a change in course management systems while LionPath is being developed.

OLD BUSINESS
Implementation of Self-Study Committee Recommendations; Revisions to the Bylaws. This report is on the agenda for the afternoon plenary session.

Revisions to the Standing Rules (Reporting of Senate Election Results). This report is on the agenda for the afternoon plenary session.

Revisions to the Standing Rules (Committee on Athletics Searches) on September 9 agenda. This report is on the Agenda for the afternoon plenary session.

NEW BUSINESS
Chair Casteel opened the floor for nominations for the Elections Commission per Bylaws, Article III, Section 8. Dawn Blasko, Pam Hufnagel, Bob Ricketts, and Pat Hinchey were elected unanimously. Jim Strauss, Senate Secretary, will chair the Commission.
Revisions to the Constitution, Article II, Sections 3 and 5 (Membership) to reflect two Penn State law schools were approved and will be forwarded to Senate Council to be placed on the October 21 Senate meeting agenda.

Revisions to the Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 (Senate Council) and Article VII, Section 4 (Delegation of Authority) to reflect two Penn State law schools were approved and will be forwarded to Senate Council to be placed on the October 21 Senate meeting agenda.

Revisions to the Bylaws, Article III, Section 3 (Election to the Senate), modification of procedures for Retiree Senators to remove the geographical restriction for retiree senators and the maximum years since retirement, were approved and will be forwarded to Senate Council to be placed on the October 21 Senate meeting agenda.

Revisions to the Standing Rules, Article II, Section 6 (e and i) (Standing Committee Structure) to reflect two Penn State law schools were approved and will be forwarded to Senate Council to be placed on the October 21 Senate meeting agenda.

Revisions to the Standing Rules, Article III, Section 7 (Joint Faculty/Administrative Committee to Monitor Travel Policies) to remove this committee due to the discontinuation of the University Travel Office, were approved and will be forwarded to Senate Council for placement on the October 21 Senate meeting agenda.

The Harrisburg representation on the Faculty Affairs Committee was discussed. James Ruiz has asked to leave that committee due to the pressure of other duties. Hagen will contact the Harrisburg senators and ask if the group would like to reassign another Harrisburg senator to Faculty Affairs.

Michael Chorney described his new position, which involves moving his tenure home from Hershey to Harrisburg. Chair Casteel will contact Rebecca Bascom, Senate Councillor from Hershey, to ask if the Hershey senators would like for Chorney to complete his term as a Hershey senator, or to name a replacement. If the latter is chosen, Chorney would vacate his seat on CC&R and a replacement would be named to complete the Senate year.

General Education Task Force plans for the academic year were discussed by Senate Chair Kulikowich.

Enica Castañeda, Vice Chair of Student Life, has a course conflict with the committee meetings. It was suggested that she consider finding a substitute instructor on Senate days or another means to enable her to participate in committee meetings. If that is not feasible, then another vice chair should be selected.

**Other Topics for Discussion**

Chair Casteel reviewed the committee priority form and other issues to be addressed by the Committee in 2014-15. The issue of how best to serve the interests of the Senate
through informational reports submitted by non-Senate entities was discussed. A subcommittee of Casteel, Hinchey, and Hagen will develop a draft report for Committee discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Submitted by Dan Hagen, Executive Director