

Minutes of the March 4, 2009 Faculty Governance Committee Meeting

Committee members present: Paddy Dale, Robert Entenmann, Tina Garrett, Jonathan Hill, Kris MacPherson, Karen Marsalek, Jim May, Diana Neal, Bruce Nordstrom-Loeb, Alan Norton, Arnie Ostebee, Wes Pearson, Steve Reece, Doug Schuurman
Absent: James McKeel

Jonathan Hill called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes of the February 26 meeting were approved with the friendly amendment moving Alan Norton's name from the present list to the absent list.

Jonathan Hill introduced Paddy Dale who replaces Mark Schelske as the Social Sciences Faculty representative. He also announced that the student committee member had resigned; a new student member has been appointed but his participation on the committee is contingent upon his not being elected to the student body office for which he is currently running.

A blank sample ballot and a list of volunteers and/or recommended candidates was distributed.

Discussion centered on: (a) who is responsible for constructing the ballot or ballots (b) who will vote on the presented slate or slates. The following interpretations of pertinent existing legislation in the Faculty Manual were advanced: (1) The Faculty Governance Committee (FGC) draws up the entire ballot (at large and Faculty candidates) and this slate is voted on by the entire faculty. (2) The ballot be drawn up by the FGC with voting for at large candidates by the entire faculty but voting for Faculty representatives taking place in the various Faculties. (3) The FGC draws up the slate for the at large positions, the slate for Faculty representatives is drawn up by a committee within each Faculty, and the voting for all the positions is done by the faculty as a whole. (4) The two slates are drawn up as in the previous case but the whole faculty votes only on the at large slate while the various Faculties vote later on the Faculty designated committee members.

After lengthy discussion in which arguments for all interpretations were advanced, it was decided that the fourth interpretation agrees with the Faculty Manual language best as the process for creating the slate of Faculty designated candidates is clearly spelled out. Faculty designated representatives on FGC were therefore instructed to work with their Associate Deans to construct a slate of candidates within each Faculty. The at large slate will be constructed by FGC as a whole.

Construction of the at large slate was begun. This will be continued at the March 11 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wes Pearson

