

Minutes

Meeting of the Rules Committee September 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Aanstoos.

Present: Aanstoos, Aldrich, Best, Crager, DeFoor, Kim, Ponder, Simpson

Absent: none

1. The minutes of the August 27, 2010 meeting were approved with no changes.

2. Announcements.

Aanstoos summarized his meetings with the COAS Executive Committee, the COAS Faculty Advisory Committee, President Sethna, and Provost Hoff concerning issues before the Rules Committee. The question was posed of asking President Sethna to participate in a committee meeting, and it was agreed to invite him to do so.

3. Old Business:

All items of old business were tabled until next meeting to allow time to discuss the items of new business.

4. New Business:

- A. **ACTION ITEM:** To recommend to the Senate a policy that the current COAS senators, in light of the disbandment of COAS, have their terms limited to the end of the 2010-2011 academic year. This item was approved unanimously as a recommendation of the Committee to the Faculty Senate.
- B. The question of who is to be considered “faculty” for the sake of the apportionment of Senators was discussed. Discussion also included the question of who should be eligible to serve on Faculty Senate. A consensus emerged that only those members of the general faculty who are eligible to vote in meetings of the general faculty should be considered eligible to serve in Faculty Senate. It was agreed that a proposal codifying this understanding would be presented for a vote at the next meeting of the Rules Committee.
- C. The question of whether the Senate should recommend a revision to the definition of a “quorum” for general faculty meetings was discussed. Consensus focused on redefining the meanings of “meeting” and/or “voting” so as to include the possibility of electronic balloting. A decision was deferred to the next meeting of the Rules Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.