

Academic Governance Oversight Committee

Minutes, 10/31/06

Mike McDaniel (chair), Julie Isaacson, Bill Humphrey, Len Frey, Charles Harris, Mitch Holifield; Joanna Grymes (secretary)

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

McDaniel reported that the process for posting minutes on the ASU web page under Shared Governance committees is in place. Minutes for two committees are already posted to the site.

One part of the AGOC committee responsibilities will be to review minutes of shared governance committees to ascertain if the shared governance process is followed. The AGOC will need to create a review process to implement to meet this committee charge.

AGOC will institutionalize meetings with the shared governance committees. Each committee would meet with the chair of the AGOC, be charged with its responsibility, explain the process for having minutes posted/following the shared governance process, and elect a chair and secretary.

Discussion turned to the issue of how the Faculty Handbook is changed.

Motion: Recommend the addition to shared governance of a Faculty Handbook Committee. The Faculty Handbook Committee would be appointed by the Senate and its duties would be to function as a clearinghouse for handbook issues and changes. The charge includes soliciting feedback from appropriate stakeholders in the change process, submitting changes for approval by the Faculty Senate, and submitting the proposed changes into the current governance system through the appropriate vice chancellor, then to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs. Isaacson moved, Grymes seconded; motion passed.

Motion: The Faculty Handbook Committee will be comprised of nine members, nominated by the President of the Faculty Senate and approved by the Faculty Senate. The members will include seven tenured faculty, a dean and a chair (appointed by the senate in communication with the respective Councils). Each college will be represented. Each member will be appointed to a staggered 3-year term with a two-term limit. The committee will elect a chair and secretary at the beginning of the academic year. McDaniel moved, Humphrey seconded; motion passed.

Discussion turned to the process the Faculty Handbook Committee would follow in order to make changes to the Handbook. The draft of the Senate version of the Handbook was considered as a starting place for outline the process. The committee will continue to work on this recommendation at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Grymes
Secretary, AGOC