

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting of March 27, 2007, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Toepfer Room, Adelbert Hall

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of February 26, 2007 J. Alexander
2. President's Announcements G. Eastwood
3. Provost's Announcements J. Anderson
4. Report of the Secretary of the Corporation C. Trembl
5. Chair's Announcements J. Alexander
6. Report of the Executive Committee R. Wright
7. By-Laws Committee MOTION on Budget Comm. Membership
Action Item C. Cano
8. Privilege of Attendance MOTION for SAC Representative
Action Item J. Alexander
9. Report of the Nominating Committee and Call for
Additional Nominations R. Dubin
10. Annual Affirmative Action Report - Questions/Discussion L. Singer
11. Discussion on Recommendations from Minority Affairs S. Loue
12. Report from Committee on Research C. Musil
Report from the Research Council
13. Report from Faculty Compensation Committee K. Loparo
14. New Business
15. Announcements

Adjournment

Attachments:

Agenda Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of February 26th - to be sent later

- Agenda Item 7. Budget Committee Membership
- Agenda Item 8. Privilege of Attendance for SAC Representative
- Agenda Item 9. Slate of Candidates for Election - attached to e-mail
- Agenda Item 10. Affirmative Action Report - attached to e-mail
- Agenda item 11. Recommendations (3) from Minority Affairs Committee - attached to e-mail
- Agenda Item 12. Research Committee Report and Research Council Report
- Agenda Item 13. Report of the Faculty Compensation Committee - attached to e-mail

Agenda Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of Feb. 26th to be sent later

Agenda Item 7. Motion from By-Laws Committee on Budget Committee Membership

Transmittal of Senate Report

Title: Modification of membership of Senate Budget Committee

Date presented to Senate: March 27, 2007

Presenter: Christine Cano

Subject of motion: Change the constitution and bylaws of the Senate to restructure the Senate Budget Committee, so that there is more vertical integration of the members with members of budget committees of the constituent faculties.

Voting (check one):

1. on resolutions or recommendations one by one _____
2. in a single vote _____
3. to endorse entire report _____

Committee work: Quasi-committee of the whole of the Senate, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Bylaws Committee

Consultations (with other committees, legal office, administrators, etc.):

Executive Committee approval: March 20, 2007

Alternatives: Do not restructure Budget Committee

Risks: None particularly noted; however the proposed structure is untested.

Financial implications: None noted.

Senate action:

Transmitted to:

Motion:

Chapter 2, Article VI, Sec. C, Par. 1 of the Faculty Handbook shall be amended as indicated below:

Current language: Par. 1. The Budget Committee shall consist of six voting members of the University Faculty, at least three of whom must be elected members of the Faculty Senate, the chair of the Committee on Faculty Compensation *ex officio*, and such additional members *ex officio* as shall be specified in the by-laws. Members of the committee shall be elected to serve overlapping three-year terms. Should the terms of senatorial members of the Budget Committee extend beyond their terms as members of the Faculty Senate, they shall complete their committee terms as non-senatorial members.

Proposed New language:

Par. 1. The Budget committee shall consist of one voting member elected by each constituent faculty Budget Committee for a term of not less than two years, three members of the University Faculty at-large, at least one of whom must be an elected member of the Faculty Senate, the chair of the Committee on Faculty Compensation *ex officio*, and such additional members *ex officio* as shall be specified in the Faculty Senate y-Laws. The at-large members shall be elected to serve overlapping three-year terms. One of the at-large members shall serve as the chair of the Budget committee. Should the terms of senatorial members of the Budget Committee extend beyond their terms as members of the Faculty Senate, they shall complete their committee terms as non-senatorial members.

Chapter 2, Article VII, Sec. A. of the Faculty Handbook shall be amended by the addition of:

Par. 5: Each constituent faculty shall have a Budget Committee. The regular members of each Budget Committee shall be selected from among the University voting faculty of that constituent faculty by direct election or by appointment by a directly elected body of that constituent faculty. In addition, each Budget Committee may include additional members *ex officio* as needed.

Motion:

Resolved:

Agenda Item 8. Privilege of Participation for SAC Representative

Transmittal of Senate Report

Title: Motion to give privilege of attendance to representative of Staff Advisory Council (SAC).

Date presented to Senate: March 27, 2007

Presenter: James Alexander

Subject of motion: Change the constitution and bylaws to institutionalize the privilege of attendance to representative of SAC,

Voting (check one):

on resolutions or recommendations one by one _____

in a single vote x _____

to endorse entire report _____

Committee work: Quasi-committee of the whole of the Senate, Executive Committee

Consultations (with other committees, legal office, administrators, etc.): Office of the Attorney.

Executive Committee approval: March 20, 2007

Alternatives: Retain status quo (representative attends at invitation of Senate)

Risks: None noted.

Financial implications: None noted.

Senate action:

Transmitted to:

Motion: Modify the Constitution and Bylaws as indicated in bold:

Article V. The Faculty Senate

D. Privilege of Attendance

Members of the Board of Trustees, a deputy appointed by the provost, vice presidents, deans, and other academic officers of equivalent rank, as well as others designated in the Faculty Senate by-laws may participate in its discussions. **A representative of the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) also may attend all meetings of the Faculty Senate as a permanent non-voting member of the Faculty Senate and may participate in its discussions.** Student and faculty members of committees of the Faculty Senate who are not elected senators may attend all meetings of the Faculty Senate, and may participate in the discussions of the Faculty Senate related to their committee's work. Other members of the university community may attend designated meetings with the permission of the chair.

Faculty Senate By-Laws:

BY-LAW IV.

Item e. Privilege of Attendance.

The privilege of attendance by non-members at meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be as provided in the Constitution, Article V, Section D, excepting, however, that in addition to those therein specified, each of the following persons may designate an alternate to attend without vote and participate in the discussion:

1) the deputy designated by the President for membership in the Faculty Senate as provided in the Constitution, Article V, Section C.

2) the Secretary of the University Faculty and of the Faculty Senate.

3) any Provost or Dean.

4) the representative of the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) as provided in the Constitution, Article V, Section D.

Motion:

Resolved:

Agenda Item 12.

The Committee on Research addressed the following items during the 2006-2007 academic year:

The Committee outlined our priorities for the year as promoting responsible research conduct, examining the monitoring functions of the Committee, and continued work with the Library Committee, in addition to policy and other matters brought to our attention.

Responsible Research conduct. The committee sees a need for additional education, policy and/or guidelines regarding responsible research conduct (that go beyond scientific misconduct) when educating, mentoring and supervising.

Monitoring the implementation of existing research policy (as outlined in our charge) and requesting regular annual reports from administrative committees: ongoing discussion item

Digital Case: met with Paul Salipante, chair of the Library Committee; Research Committee will support efforts as needed.

Avian Flu. Two members, Chuck Rozek and Eric Cottington, are members of the AF taskforce. The Committee on Research has provided input to the task force.

Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees. Two Research Committee members participated in the December meeting and the Committee provided information about the state of research at the university.

Openness of research. The committee studied this issue at the request of the F/S Executive Committee. In general, openness is required in teaching and research to promote academic freedom and free exchange of ideas. The issue of openness in research and export controls may

1) have implications for non-U.S. citizen graduate students to work on some security-related

research projects and/or 2) place restrictions on publications. Many peer institutions have policies re: openness of research, and the Research Committee supported creating a brief statement that would help CWRU in negotiating contracts with external agencies, remove inappropriate and/or unnecessary restrictions on grants and contracts, but still allow for rare exceptions, such as national security issues, that could be approved through the Office of the Provost. The policy is slated for the April 07 F/S meeting.

Conflict of Commitment- brought to the Research Committee, forwarded to Executive Committee for assignment to Personnel Committee

Interdisciplinary research, research funding and promotion/tenure. The competitiveness of NIH and other research funding sources may require more group efforts to secure funding and these changes may have implications for promotion and tenure decisions. The issue, discussed in the Research Council spring 2006 and assigned to the Committee on Research, will be considered by the deans, in the schools, and at Faculty Senate.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Musil, chair

Research Council Meeting March 13, 2007

NRC survey participation at CWRU was 86.2%; national rate was 70.2%.

Research Computing: R. Bielfield, I. Alexander and M. Griswold presented on CWRU high performance computing needs, especially in astronomy, medicine and engineering. General discussion topics included strategic planning, funding, personnel, upkeep, and software needs.

ACES (Academic Careers in Engineering and Science): Women are getting PhDs but less likely to seek faculty jobs. The next phase of ACES will expand services (coaching, distinguished lectureships) to the entire university.

Research Competitiveness

Graduate students: There has been an increase in domestic applications to Grad Studies. Other discussion points included how to fund doctoral students; the recruitment and retention of under-represented minorities; capitalizing on CWRU's recognition as a leader in entrepreneurship; and the need to review programs to ensure they are up-to-date. Research productivity and grants: the provost asked, "How might we use one or two new staff positions to increase external funding for research and scholarship at the University?"