Minutes

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Meeting of October 31, 2008

Present: Max Porter, Pol Herrmann, Daniel Loy, Tom Loynachan, John Mayfield, Stephen Porter, Arnold Van Der Valk, and Skip Walter

1. Meeting was called to order by Max (9:20 a.m.).

2. No new items were added to the agenda, but it was agreed to take up issues out of order.

3. John volunteered to serve as “Secretary of the Day.”

4. The first item of discussion was the issue of links in the Faculty Handbook. Max has discussed with PLAC the possibility of using the RSS? feature of web browsers to notify someone of changes in sites that the handbook is linked to.

   A discussion ensued about how we can control the content of web pages that are tied by links, or even whether we should try. Everyone agreed the issue needs further discussion and resolution.

   Max will forward one particular problem link to the G&D committee for investigation.

5. The next item was agenda item 8a, Report from the Dept and College Documents Review Committee. Following discussion, it was agreed to send the suggested wording additions in Sections 2.6.2 and 2.6.3 of the Faculty Handbook to the Executive Board. This was approved unanimously.

   Agenda item 8b was a draft memo to the Provost seeking support with the Deans for the importance of the governance document review process. Following discussion it was agreed that Max would send the memo with a brief cover note.
6. The next item was agenda item 9. Proposed changes in university employment verification procedures. No changes were made to the document passed at the last Gov. Council meeting. The document will now proceed to the Senate.

7. Item 6 on the agenda was taken up next. Skip Walter reported on the activities of the Documents Committee. The first order of committee business is to follow up on docket actions that do not seem to have been finalized by incorporation into the Faculty Handbook.

8. Agenda item 7, report from Com. Com was next. Com. Com. has completed a review of Senate committees and is recommending the elimination of two committees listed in the Bylaws that duplicate the functions of active university committees. Arnold will send a formal request to the Governance and Documents Committee for drafting of a formal action by the senate.

   Com. Com is now attempting to identify all University committees that have Faculty Senate representation.

9. The next meeting will be November 14 at 9:30 AM

10. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Respectfully submitted by John Mayfield, 11/3/2008