Faculty Senate Governance Council Meeting 2:10 pm, 2/17/09 in 388 Town Engineering Bld.

Present: Michael Martin, Max Porter (Chair), Dan Loy, Joe Haynes, Tom Loynachan, Skip Walter, Arnold Van Der Valk, Pol Herman, John Mayfield

Approved minutes of 12/12/08.

Discussed estimate of $900 to $1200 (from Jeff Sorenson) to generate software to check validity of links cited in ISU Faculty Handbook. This would periodically evaluate if addresses of links are still valid.

- Arnold suggested that we ask the provost to pay for this. Max will pursue this and will talk to senate president about this.
- Skip asked who would be responsible for fixing any broken/inappropriate links.

By Laws changes: Proposed changes to eliminate some committees were pared down to those listed on the attached sheet (Max attached proposed changes please). Motion was made, seconded and passed to send proposed changes to executive board and faculty senate for their approval. Max will pursue this.

Comm Comm Report: No report today

Committee to Review Gov. Documents Report:

- Tom said that the committee was working on a draft of a letter to be sent to any unit (college/department) that was going to have their governance document reviewed. It would explain the procedure.
- Suggested that the letter should come from the CRDC/Provost/Faculty senate
- Also the committee is trying to identify appropriate people to be liaisons for this activity within the reviewed units

Documents Committee Report: Skip had no report but will pursue the updates of URL locations

PLAC Issues: Some discussion took place about the items on the PLAC agenda involving proposed university policies. (The mission of PLAC is to be a library for keeping track of established policies.

Items assigned to Gov. Council by the Executive Board: An ad hoc committee is to be formed to evaluate the impact of employment verification/background checks on academic freedom. A list of potential members would include:

Leonard Sadosky, Annemarie Butler, Susan Carlson, Max Porter (chair), Carla Espinoza, Skip Walter, and Mike Owen.
Discussed potential meeting times and location for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

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Minutes taken and submitted by Joe Haynes.