Minutes
GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
March 24, 2009
(2:10-3:20pm)

Present: Max Porter (Chair), Tom Loynachan, Clark Ford, Stephen Porter, Pol Herrmann, Skip Walter, Arnold Van Der Valk, Michael Martin, Susan Carlson.

1. Called to order by Max at 2:10 (388 Town Engr. Bldg.)

2. Secretary assignment (Skip)

3. Agenda items were proposed for New Business (Section 12):
   C. Allow access to records
   D. Potential Bylaws change to indicate that Past Presidents of FS are ex-officio members on all councils (e.g., RPA)

   Motion made to approve agenda as modified, seconded, passed.

4. Approval of Previous minutes:
   A. from 3/3/09, moved, seconded, passed.
   B. from 2/17/09), moved, seconded, passed.

5. PLAC items:
   A. Links estimated cost $900-$1200. Discussion of who pays and where do we go from here. Topic will be addressed by Clark, Arnold and Max.
   B. Arnold reported that P&S Handbook was going to be in the Policy Library site, not a separate handbook.

6. Bylaws changes to permit electronic voting: see newly proposed wording for Section II, attached, which was moved, seconded, and passed.
7. Research Policy update: Associate Provost Susan Carlson will furnish copy of version signed by President Geoffroy for final proofreading and comparison with file posted on FS webpage. Updated Research Policy will be included on the Consent Agenda for next FS meeting.

8. Committee on Committees: Arnold is looking for one more member for a FS committee.

9. Update on Dept. and College Review of Governance Documents: Tom reported that, by March 10, three colleges had furnished the URLs for their college documents.

10. PLAC update: Max reported on the Communications Policy issue that considers how to charge communications costs to a research project.

11. Follow-up: Employment Verification (not discussed).

12. No other old business.

   A. Open meetings: consensus that GC and FS follow State open meeting rules. Motion to be made at the next GC meeting.
   B. Allow for response by faculty candidate in P&T process from dept. and college level assessments: this topic is forwarded to the EB agenda for assignment to the proper committee for recommending policy.
   C. Allowing access to records: no action taken.
   D. Potential Bylaws change to designate Past President of FS as ex-officio on all FS councils. Example was RPA. Recommended that Committee on Committees review this.

Minutes respectfully submitted: C. K. Walter