

April 11, 2012 Minutes

Members present: Feakes, Hindson, Stone, Wilson, Sriraman, Kimmel, Furney, Sanders, Conroy, Morey

Guests: Clark (*Star*), Korab-Kapowicz, Sigler, Colombik

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

Announcements:

1. At the next Senate meeting, the Provost will offer a training session on the University Budget.
2. The new Director of Transportation Services will visit the Senate soon to discuss a number of issues, including the recent increase in parking permit fees.
3. The Academic Computing Committee met recently to discuss ways to broaden the range of projects eligible for funding. The ACC Chair will visit the Senate this summer.

University Lecturers Committee Recommendations: The Chair of the ULC shared the Committee's recommendations; they have suggested thirteen proposals for funding. The Chair also explained the review process and the rubric used by members to rank proposals. Nearly all recommended proposals would receive only partial funding so that more projects can be funded with the limited money available. The Chair expressed a wish for an increase to ULC funds so that more of proposals could receive support.

One concern of the Committee was that there were no proposals from student organizations (although one proposal was submitted by a faculty advisor on behalf of a student organization). The Chair of the Senate explained that the Senate has no access to mailing lists for student organizations that would allow her to notify them when proposals are being accepted; this situation needs to be resolved.

Suspending normal rules, the Senate voted to accept the recommendations of the ULC.

Chair Evaluation Results: At a recent Council of Chairs meeting, the Chair of the Senate explained how rankings of Chairs are determined from results of the Perception of Chairs survey. A number of Chairs were curious why rankings are created and posted on the Senate website.

Faculty Senate Elections: Senate elections have now been completed. There was a tie in the election for a second Senator from the College of Science and Engineering. In a secret ballot the Senate ranked the two faculty members; the higher-ranked candidate will be contacted by the Chair. New Senators will be installed at the May 2 meeting.

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Committee on Committees Recommendations: The Chair of the COC shared the Committee's recommendations on appointments to Senate committees, as well as on appointments to committees that reserve seats for Senate appointees. The Senate will vote on these recommendations at its next meeting.

Minutes of 4/04/12 were approved.

Adjournment.