

Minutes of October 30, 2017

Pojman asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from the October 30, 2017 meeting. Husseneder suggested a minor grammatical change to minutes. The corrected minutes were moved for approval by Perry, seconded by Broussard, and minutes were accepted unopposed.

Interim Vice Provost's Report

Masse introduced Joseph Francis as the new council member representing the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Academic Affairs' Report

No report.

Chair's Report

No report.

Old Business

Masse stated PS-21 is an increasing matter of urgency with the Provost and after discussions with Graduate Advisors, Associate Deans, and etc., it is time for PS-21 to go back to Academic Affairs. She opened the floor for further deliberation by the Council members.

- Gansle

- Remote Participation (policy revised 1/19/17)
 - Under current policy, a single committee member may participate in a Doctoral Exam, a Doctoral Degree Audit and Request for General Examination, or a Doctoral Final Exam remotely through WebEx (Voice over Internet Protocol), programs such as Skype upon receiving permission from the Graduate School. The individual participating remotely cannot vote on the Dean's Proposal, nor the Committee Chair. However, a committee member may participate if approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.
 - Massé suggested that not needing permission for an individual to remotely participate is a possibility. Permission would still be needed if that individual is the candidate or the chair, or more than one remote participant was being proposed. She noted possible advantages (fewer requests being processed) and disadvantages (the need to bring committee members back if the meeting did not meet minimum requirements).
 - Gansle agreed to review the proposal and report back to the committee.

Standing Committee Reports

- Promotion/Tenure: Chance: No one has been hired in a while and so there was no report. They hope to have more to report in March, 2018. Tenure and promotion schedules were circulated to all Council members. Fall 2017 packets were prepared and filed before the holidays.
- Awards: Page/Lane: About 75 EDAs were received. The Council will do STEM and non-STEM assignments. There aren't enough Council members so the committee will be soliciting current and former EDA recipients to serve as advisors. The assignments decided current holders cannot reapply.
- Grad Faculty: Masse/Lane for de Queiroz. Masse mentioned the ongoing issues with graduate faculty appointments for AgCenter as being due to WebEx. Lane said it was an issue of who gets permission to operate in both. They will be getting ad hoc administrative approvals until this issue is resolved.
- Graduate Council Webpage: No report.
- Bylaws: Massé: In December, the committee will look at extra appointments for associate professors. The Bylaws Committee's recommendations and proposals for discussion will be incorporated into the report that Jane Cassidy will be presenting to the Interim Vice President and Provost.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:00 AM in room 2000

Meeting Adjourned: 12:24 PM

Re: PA

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