

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

November 24, 2009
2:30 p.m.

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

PRESENT: Judy Adams, Kris Blair, Dwayne Gremler, Andy Kurtz, Jacqueline Leclair, Judy May, Ron Shields, Carl Walling, Ellen Williams

GUEST: Pat Pauken

CHAIR'S REPORT

Shields opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the November 24, 2009 Senate Executive Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Reconfiguration

Following the Senate Executive Committee meeting today, the Senate Executive Committee will be meeting with the College Deans to dialogue on Reconfiguration discussion points and processes.

NEW BUSINESS

Charter Interpretation for FPCC (Faculty Personnel and Conciliation Committee) Regarding the Use of a Court Recorder for FPCC Formal Hearings

Shields indicated that Ted Rippey, current Chair of FPCC, requested an interpretation of the Academic Charter [B-I.E, p.13-14/16]. According to Rippey, it appears that the Charter is unclear as to whether a Court Recorder is required for a formal FPCC hearing. Pat Pauken, speaking on behalf of Amendments and Bylaws Committee, indicated that Rippey is correct that the Charter is unclear because in one section of this Charter excerpt, the Court Recorder is required in that it uses the term "shall" while in another section of this Charter excerpt, the Court Recorder is optional as the terminology "may" is used. Blair and Williams indicated that they both had served on FPCC and saw wisdom and protection in requiring the use of a Court Recorder for formal FPCC hearings. Williams moved that the Charter language be changed to eliminate the confusion and that the Court Recorder be required for formal hearings. Judy Adams seconded. Motion passed. Shields cautioned that Amendments and Bylaws Committee needed to ensure that all other Charter language be changed to reflect this change. Pauken asked if ABC could change the term "Court Recorder" to "Court Reporter" since that is the terminology currently being used. SEC concurred. Williams asked if this change in the Charter needed to come before Senate for a vote or if it could be considered editorial in nature. Evans indicated that since the change was being made to reconcile a discrepancy in Charter wording, this should be considered to be editorial in nature. Evans moved that the changes in Charter be considered in nature. Adams seconded. Motion approved. Shields

directed ABC to report this change at the next Senate meeting and also requested that Williams notify Rippey of the SEC interpretation and action.

Request for the Firelands Student Representative to Report at Senate Meetings

Shields requested that this item of New Business be addressed at the next SEC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Shields adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm so that SEC could meet with College Deans and the VPAA for discussions on Reconfiguration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Ursula Williams
Secretary, Faculty Senate