COMMITTEE: Committee on Committees

MEETING DATE: 10/31/2017

PERSON PRESIDING: Nancy Winterbauer

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gregory Lapicki, Michael Schinasi, Keith Richards, Meghan Wanucha, KT Harcourt

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Stiller, Andrew Morehead

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes from 9/26/17 meeting

Discussion: none

Action Taken: Minutes approved

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Agenda Item: Finalize roster charges

Discussion:

Action Taken: John will ask for feedback from Vice Chancellors as well as from SGA President to check on representation.

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Agenda Item: Volunteer form

Discussion: Auto population of contact information, titles (not all of these are accurate so we should proceed with caution), and college or unit. Create if-then for only those who are eligible (example: non-tenure faculty only see the committees they are eligible for). “Have you served on a university committee before”—idea is to find people who are new to faculty governance. A potential addition to this question is to have an open text box for them to indicate the committee they served on most recently and when they served. Create “force open in new window” when you click on each committee to learn about them, if not then the survey is restarted after they review the external website. Consider adding text to indicate that they should open information in a new window.

Action Taken:

Assigned additional duties to: Lori will discuss the potential changes with Kyle Chapman, survey will likely go out in January 2018.

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Agenda Item: Value of university service
Discussion: Departmental service vs. university service, serving on committees is essential to the existence of shared governance. Would be helpful if the Provost and VC of Health Sciences promote the importance of university service. Potential to create videos of those who have served on committees to demonstrate the importance/value. Highlight that junior faculty are eligible to serve on many committees.

There was discussion on how each department evaluates service and awards faculty for their contributions. Concern was expressed that some may discourage faculty from participating in university service. It was recommended that there be a statement on transparency as it relates to evaluating service.

Action Taken: John will discuss this idea with Provost Mitchelson and Vice Chancellor Horns to see if they are open to sharing a message on the importance of university service with Deans, Directors, and Chairs.

NEXT MEETING: 11/28/2017 from 3:00-4:00 in Rawl Annex 142

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
   1) Recommendations on roster charges

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm
Respectfully submitted
Keith Richards, Secretary