

2/18/2021 RPC Minutes

Meeting of the SIUE Faculty Senate Rules and Procedures Council (RPC)

<https://www.siue.edu/ugov/faculty/rp-council/>

Date and time: February 18, 2021; 2:30pm

Physical meeting space: Willow Room, Morris University Center

Virtual meeting space: Zoom Meeting ID: 954 2209 6231; Password: chimega

1. Check-ins and introductions

Present: Carole Fricke, James Hanlon, Yun Lu, Vincent Rapini, Kamran Shavezipur, Jared Sheley, Ezra Temko

2. There was no public comment

3. There were no changes to the December 2020 minutes.

4. Personnel Committee

Ezra Temko shared that the Nominating Committee is still looking for a nominee for President-Elect. James Hanlon led a discussion on FS apportionment. For FS apportionment, using our previous method of apportionment based on percentages, CAS and SON would have both lost one seat and SOB and SEHNB would have both gained one seat. However, SON cannot lose a seat because they do not have any senators that are finishing their term. We are also required to have 39 senators. It is unclear whether SOB or SEHNB should get an extra seat (they both would get one if SON lost one seat). There are justifications for either and it is a subjective judgment call. Our operating papers are vague on how we do apportionment. The committee and council decided the best pathway forward was to use the Huntington-Hill Method (HHM) for apportionment, which was an objective way to proceed forward. Using this method, CAS ended up losing two seats and both SOB and SEHNB gained one seat. James Hanlon as chair of the Personnel Committee will put together the election notices. There was discussion about whether to amend our operating papers to use HHM going forward and also whether to propose a by-law change to address the situation with SON (unexpired terms for an academic unit that would otherwise lose seats) and regarding the corresponding issues with this, and it was decided that Ezra should discuss these matters with ExCom (e.g. is there a reason we have exactly 39 senators? Do we need an odd number? What do you think about how apportionment should work?). Separately a senator raised whether or not FS should have more than 39 senators at this point, or a certain number per faculty, given the growth in number of faculty, and this suggestion was referred to the reorganization working group for consideration.

5. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Vince Rapini shared that the reorganization working group met today and is meeting again next week. Ezra Temko gave an update on discussions regarding the issue of instructor voting/inclusion.

6. Evaluation & Liaison Committee

Jared Sheley shared that with the snow day, there was a delay with ITS getting the evaluations out. They should go out Monday and will be open for two weeks. Please remind people to complete the evaluations.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. The meeting was adjourned.