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## Finance and Services Committee Meeting 01/13/09

Committee Members Present: Michael Gunter, Lisa Tillmann, Laura Coar, Larry Van Sickle, Eric Schutz, Brynne Piotrowski (SGA)

### **I. Minutes from December 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved**

### **II. Discussion of Gender Identity and Expression Provision**

The committee received an update from Lisa Tillmann about the progress of placing a Gender Identity and Expression clause within Rollins' Equal Opportunity Policy. Members discussed the need for a stated codification of the policy, whether or not the clause will be present in advertised versions of the Equal Opportunity Policy, and how to go about adding the statement to the school's policy (probably best done in a manner similar to how "sexual orientation" was added). Michael Gunter and Lisa Tillmann decided to pursue a joint meeting with Maria Martinez in the next week or two to receive a status update from her

### **III. Board of Trustees Representation Resolution**

Michael Gunter discussed President Lewis Duncan's conditionally supportive response to the faculty's request for representation on the Board of Trustees. Duncan expressed the potential need to emphasize a non-voting role, but the committee decided they did not want to limit the initial request and would revisit the voting/non-voting issue if necessary (i.e. if the faculty as a whole wanted a non-voting role or the Board requested such a modification).

As such, the resolution still reads:

*"To enhance efficiency and communication, and in keeping with precedent established by both peer and aspirant institutions, we the Arts & Sciences Faculty propose the addition of two members of full time teaching Faculty to the Board of Trustees as well as at least one faculty representative on each standing committee on the Board."*

### **IV. Discussion of Staff Board of Trustees Representation**

Laura Coar updated the committee on the potential for a staff proposal of representation on the Board of Trustees. She said the staff is interested in such representation for both transparency and campus representation purposes, and highlighted the need for an articulate, active participant who has the overall welfare of the staff in mind. Such a proposal would likely closely mirror the faculty's, though some issues such as observation, participation, and voting power need further discussion. If the proposal is approved, the staff representative would not come from the Staff Advisory Committee but would serve as an intermediary between it and the Board.

### **V. Student Representation on Board of Trustees**

Brynne Piotrowski provided SGA's current finding on student representation on the Board of Trustees at peer and aspirant institutions. SGA hopes to have a resolution passed by its Senate around the first week of February, or, if possible, in time for presentation at the next Faculty

meeting. After the resolution passes Senate SGA President Marissa Germain will present it at her meeting with the Board in February.

## **VI. Further Discussion on Faculty Representation on Board of Trustees**

The committee revisited the faculty's resolution with a discussion on how faculty representatives will be chosen. The most supported option was that the President of the Faculty would serve as one member on the full Board, while another faculty member would be elected by the faculty at large for the other spot. Each standing committee of the faculty would provide a slate of nominations for its corresponding committee of the Board, also to be voted on by the faculty at large. Self-nominations would be accepted as well, but eligibility would be limited to tenured faculty. Each member would serve two years on the Board, with elections held the same time as elections for faculty standing committees. The faculty members of the committee decided to reconvene shortly before the faculty meeting on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> to work out the details of member selection for the Board of Trustees.

## **VII. Committee Dismissal**

Finance and Services ended the meeting with the next full committee meeting scheduled for common hour on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by Brynne Piotrowski