

Minutes Governance Committee – 26 January 2007

Minutes...striking III January 12...do not know what it refers to. Minutes approved

Status Review by Committees....

Resolutions review work...

Received response only from Tech committee

Blanche will request reports from all committees at plenary session

Next phase...follow-up, and summary report

Election - discussion related to issues of being chair and other responsibilities and exec committee. Taggart (chair ECU) agreed to co-chair with Cheryl Brown, if she agrees. Cheryl was absent from the meeting.

Charter. Bonnie presented the self-study task forces recommendation that our Charter be changed as to the rules for setting delegate numbers. The change would be a move from a number of faculty cut-off to a percent of faculty cut-off. This will prevent a slow creep in delegate numbers as the campuses grow, and prevent the delegate numbers being top heavy and lose the original distribution intended by the original guidelines (once you hit a set number of faculty, you gained extra delegates). With a percentage cut-off, the distribution of 2,3,4 and 5 delegates would continue more or less. If one campus grew at a much faster pace than another, such that its percent of faculty increased, it could get another delegate.

There was a lot of discussion. No decision was necessary as the final document will return to the Governance committee for their approval. The governance committee ultimately will propose the changes to the full assembly.

Members of the committee wanted to see tables with different percent cut-offs and how this will look. Bonnie will provide this to the committee.

Next there was a discussion of a change to the by-laws that would create an executive committee by full assembly vote, rather than the committee chairs automatically becoming members. The advantages of this system are 1) less work and time commitment for the committee chairs, 2) more opportunity to spread leadership positions around and 3) a smaller perhaps more representative executive committee. As the committee meets monthly with the system President, a smaller executive committee is desirable. The committee would have the 4 officers and a representative of the 4 campus categories, HMI, small colleges, small universities, and large research universities. Disadvantages discussed were mainly centered around good communication with the committees.

There was agreement that this is worth considering, but there has to be a plan to guarantee committees will have access to the executive committee, so they don't become marginalized. The suggested by-laws changes will return to the Governance committee for the final approval and for presentation to the full assembly.

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