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Membership Committee Meeting
October 24, 2011

Present: Dave Roberts, Michael Peters, Zak Forde, Jodi Sperr, Troy Goodnough,
Bonnie Tipcke, Marynel Ryan Van Zee

Guest: Bart Finzel

Chair Dave Roberts called the meeting to order. Bart Finzel is here today to discuss the review of Gwen Rudney as chair of the Division of Education. The Constitution states the VCAA/dean shall consult with the Membership Committee and appoint a review committee, consisting of four members of the division and one chair from another division. The review committee shall gather broad input from the campus community and shall complete its work by the end of February the following semester. The final report must include a recommendation on whether the division chair's appointment should continue and shall be submitted to the VCAA/dean as well as to the division chair.

Dave said the Constitution is not clear whether the Membership Committee takes an active role and suggests names for the review committee or if the VCAA/dean comes to the committee with names in mind. Bart said he is content to let this committee suggest names. He would also like help identifying someone from the WSS area. He reminded the committee that he needs to move forward with the search for the Chair for the Division of the Humanities.

Dave does not think this committee should just declare they have appointed a review committee but ask faculty if they are willing to serve. The Constitution does not specifically say whether or not just tenure track faculty are allowed to serve on review committees. Dave will send a letter to the Education/WSS faculty seeking their input.

The minutes from the 10/3/11 Membership Committee were unanimously endorsed (7-0).

Dave said this committee has the power to make interim appointments regarding the staffing of committees. It was unanimously endorsed (7-0) that the definition of interim means the remainder of the academic year.

Dave will send out a message to the campus community seeking faculty nominations to replace Sarah Buchanan on the Consultative Committee.

Troy distributed a handout with suggestions/ideas on how we could make the current and past membership easier to understand when doing committee rosters for the coming year.

Minutes submitted by Carrie Grussing