**Senate Rules and Elections Committee**

**Jan. 5 2016**

**Wood (Chair), Jones (Secretary), Brion, Brown, Mazur, McGillis, Tagavi**

**1. AR 6:2**

Wood reviewed the situation concerning AR 6:2.  The concerns identified by the SREC have been transmitted to the Senate Council.

**2. Charge to SACPT**

The Senate Council had requested the SREC proposed new wording to the charge of the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure concerning the academic rights of faculty who file a complaint with the SACPT.  The SREC unanimously approved that the following separate paragraph be added to the end of SR 1.4.4.2.B

The right of a faculty employee to file with the SACPT Chair a request for a hearing pursuant to SR 1.4.4.2.B.2.(a), 1.4.4.2.B.2.(b), 1.4.4.2.B.2.(c) and 1.4.4.2.B.4 shall not be impeded.  The investigatory hearing process exercised by the SACPT shall include the rights prescribed in SR 1.4.4.3.B.

In addition, the SREC agreed to editorial correction of a formatting error in SR 1.4.4.2.  The final three paragraphs will be moved to the left by 0.5”, so that their left margin aligns with the number “2”, of the subsection heading for 1.4.4.2.B.2 “Specific Areas of Committee Charge.”

**3. Status of Students Who are Non-degree seeking or Undeclared Major**

The SREC discussed at length and interpreted the meaning and relationship of SR 6.4.1 and SR 4.2.1. The SREC voted unanimously to direct that the following interpretation shall be inserted into the Senate Rules at the end of SR 4.2.1:

The status of a student being ‘undeclared major’ or ‘non-degree seeking’ in a college is a Provost-level administrative matter and does not require the approval of the Senate, except insofar as a college may have adopted additional admissions criteria.

The SREC also voted unanimously that the following interpretation shall be inserted at the end of SR 6.4.1.D:

This rule does not apply to students who have registered in a college in an ‘undeclared major’ or ‘non-degree seeking’ status.

The SREC also unanimously expressed the expectation that the University Admissions Office (Provost level) will identify, and advise accordingly, students who applying to register in a college but do not meet the requirements for admission to the college.

The SREC took notice of information provided to the SREC stating that the College of Engineering intends to use the student status of ‘undeclared major’ as a standing within a undergraduate degree program.  The SREC unanimously voted as follows:

The SREC requests the Senate Council to send this matter to the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, for the SAASC to formally determine whether the College of Engineering is in noncompliance with Senate Rules by seeking that the status of ‘undeclared major’ or ‘non-degree seeking’ be, in effect, a required academic part of specific undergraduate degree program(s).

**4. Proposal for Honors College**

Wood reviewed information she has received concerning a broad and wide-reaching proposal for a new Honors College. It appears that matters of academic organization, academic standards, academic programs, and academic facilities would be involved, as well as related codifications in the *Governing Regulations* and *University Senate Rules*. The SREC discussed the scope of review that would be required by Senate committees for such a broadly reaching proposal.  The SREC expressly avails itself to assist parties in understanding which Senate committees would need to review and recommend to the Senate on particular parts of the proposal, and to assist parties in advance drafting of what the related codifications might look like.