Minutes
October 31, 2008
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
AS357

Attendance:  Lawrence Raffalovich (chair), Joy Ewing for Christine Haile, Antun Milas, George Berg, Frank D’Andraia, Carol H.Jewell, Steven Doellefeld on behalf of ITLAL, Ruth Sapione (ITLAL), Sean Rafferty, Bruce Dudek, Victoria von Arx, Ed Waltz, Carolyn Malloch

Minutes were approved from Sept 19, 2008 with the following changes:
  Change statement in IV. B. Report from Director of Libraries
  From: "The Provost said not to cancel ICPSR"
  To:  “The Provost asked that the proposal to recommend cancellation of ICPSR be reconsidered.”
  Correct spelling  in VI.B. Software Purchase by Graduate Students
  Line three, next to last word, be corrected from “bur” to “but.”

1. Report from Christine Haile (absent): Joy Ewing, representing Chris Haile, indicated she had not been given a report to make for the CIO

2. Report from Director of Libraries: Dean Francis A D’Andraia
Dean D’Andraia reported the library committee was formed with a membership of 10. He tried to recruit members from all the schools and colleges so all would be represented on the committee. First meeting request is about to be sent for a meeting in November. The committee is slightly larger than in the past.

3 Old Business:
     Committee chairs: A Bill has been presented to Executive Committee of the Senate to amend the Charter to state that ex-officio Council members cannot chair Councils or Committees of Councils. The Rationale is the potential for conflict of interest, and the principle of faculty governance. For the 2008-2009 term, LISC had elected Dean of Libraries and CIO to chair the Library Committee and ITUPC, respectively.

     Although this will not affect the current Council, LISC discussed several options:
       1. Director of Libraries and CIO form independent committees that are not Committees of the Council
       2. The two Committees of the Council elect council members, who are not ex-officio, to chair the Library Committee and the ITUPC.

University Libraries has internal committees for library business. The Director of Libraries stressed the importance of input from faculty outside of the library in its deliberations to meet the needs of the faculty. Library is considering creating a student advisory committee for student input as well.
At an earlier meeting of LISC, the CIO had likewise stressed the importance of faculty representation in its policy deliberations. Both DOL and CIO favor the current structure whereby these committees originate in LISC and report to LISC.

Council agreed that the proposed Charter Revision is workable, provided Committee chairs work closely with their administration counterparts.

Software purchase by graduate students: There has been no progress to address this issue. For graduate students to purchase software through IT, payment must be made through departmental accounts. There is no option for the students to use their personal funds. Several Council members pointed out that SUNY UB Micro has discount pricing for faculty, staff and students of the SUNY system for software packages for personal use. Joy Ewing agreed to discuss this with CIO Haile. Perhaps this option could be more widely advertised and/or facilitated.

New Business - - none brought to the committee