

Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting August 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Voting Members Present: Jerry Brown, Jacob Becker, Chris Cherry, Venesa Heidick, Angie Hill Price, Trent Smith, Jennifer Lightfoot, Dale Rice, Heather Ramsey, Kristen Harrell, Yaswant Devarakonda and Grace Townsend

Voting Members Absent: Nick Farmer, Delisa Falks, Owen Denman, Josh Benson, Kate Scaief, Nick Hines, Kate Lester and Susan Phillips

Non-Voting Members Present: Blair Alvarado, Darla Guerra, and Asia Smith

Guest: Doug Bell, Vicki Dobiyski, Tim Powers, Thomas Licon, and Jeff Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by Kristen Harrell. Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a.) **June 2, 2023, review of minutes.**
 - i. **Motion to accept the June minutes as distributed by Angie Hill Price and seconded by Trent Smith. Motion passed.**
- b.) **July 7, 2023, review of minutes.**
 - ii. **Motion to accept the July minutes with edits by Heather Ramsey and seconded by Jacob Becker. Motion passed.**

2. Status of pending rule revisions:

- a.) **Rule 41 Student Organizations & Rule 42 – Activities of University-Recognized Student Organizations** – After much discussion in reference to removing rosters, a motion by Angie Hill Price suggested to edit and strike language on the page presented to allow other portions of Rule 41 to be considered. Motion was made to remove roster portion for continued consideration on the table. Motion approved by Angie Hill Price and seconded by Jacob Becker. Motion passes to move Rule 41 forward as amended.
- b.) **Rule 20 Academic Misconduct** – Doug Bell presented redlined edits and friendly amendments were suggested and applied during SRRC meeting. Motion to approve as amended by Angie Hill Price and seconded by Jerry Brown. Motion to approve passed.
- c.) **Rule 52 Academic Misconduct – Reporting and Adjudication.** Motion to approve as edited by Chris Cherry and seconded by Jerry Brown. Motion passes.
- d.) **Rule 1.3 Student Registration** – Motion to approve as amended by Jerry Brown and seconded by Angie Hill Price. Motion passes unanimously.

e.) Rule 32 University Housing - Jeff Wilson, representative for Residence Life was present during the meeting. Questions and concerns were raised about benefits of removal of these rules, student registration why rules are being removed and if students were aware that these rules exist.

Jeff Wilson responded that students are all required to be enrolled as full-time students and all rules and policies are outlined within the housing contract. Rules and policies are outlined for College Station Campus contract and Galveston Campus has used verbatim language for their contracts. We were unable to confirm if this information is currently on the Galveston website. Additionally, proposal to remove these rules would be beneficial in the event of an infraction, which would be against the contract. Motion to return to submitter for additional amendments and consideration by Angie Hill Price and seconded by Chris Cherry. Motion to return to submitter was passed.

f.) Rule 14.8.3 Degree Requirements - After short discussion, motion was made to return to submitter for additional information. Kristen Harrell to provide Trent Smith information to Thomas Licon. Motion for submitter to revise rule proposal and submit new proposal, motioned by Trent Smith, and seconded by Angie Hill Price. Motion passed.

g.) Appendix III - FERPA of 1974 - Jerry asked if there anything that substantially modifies what previously existed? Venesa responded annual statement of rights was updated and revisions are not reflected in what is published in the catalog. Motion was made to approve as amended by Jerry Brown and seconded by Jacob Becker. Motion passes unanimously.

h.) Rule 21 Classroom Behavior- Dr. Powers attended meeting for questions. Discussion was had about using the word "specific". Jerry responded that it would be easier to defend an objection based on this rule as it is modified. Motion to approve by Angie Hill Price and seconded by Chris Cherry. Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.