

**Meeting Minutes**  
**University Senate Rules Committee**  
November 29, 2016, 4:00 PM  
119 Independence Hall (SCR)

**Present:** Tom Wells, Prosper Boyaka, Kari Hoyt, Brian Winer, Stefan Niewiesk, Jenna Gravalis, Maria Salvador, Masallay Kanu

**Ex officio:** Kay Wolf, Brandon Lester

**Absent:** Tim Gerber, Jose Diaz

**1. Minutes**

The minutes from the November 8, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

**2. Amendment to Rule 3335-07-02 Titles (by Dr. Kay Wolf)**

In line with other big 10 institutions, the use of title for clinical track faculty will be streamlined and limited to professor of clinical or professional practice. Exceptions will be approved by the Provost or his/her designee. This change follows the language of other rules. After each title "(name of college, school, or department) is added for clarity.

**3. Amendment to Rule 3335-07-08 Annual review, reappointment/nonreappointment, and promotion review procedures. (by Dr. Kay Wolf)**

Currently, all applications for promotion of tenure track faculty are decided by the provost. For clinical and research faculty, this process stops at the dean level. It is seen as a question of equality and fairness that this process should be extended to the provost level. Reappointment which depends on financial considerations and needs of the department are not affected by this change. This proposed rule change will be send to Steering with the request to circulate the amendment to other committees and offices as required, with the intention of implementation for the next promotion review cycle starting in 2017.

**4. Amendment to Rule 3335-13-06 Rights to and interests in patentable discoveries and inventions, copyrights, and related materials.**

The discussion for this rule is not finalized yet. Faculty wanted 3335-13-06 to be more similar to 3335-13-08. However, there are some problems because the meaning of "issues a policy" is not clear. In the current draft, the introduction states that the university has to have a policy and in paragraph A new language tries to specifically strengthen faculty rights in overseeing the policy. Paragraph C has been reworded to include the principal right of faculty to the copyright of their work with exceptions being defined in the policy.

Paragraph D is thought to be necessary because most rules (also 08) reference the role of administration. As it is not clear yet which office(s) will work with the rule the language leaves it to the president. Paragraph (D) still awaits further review.