

**Ad Hoc Senate Committee of Chairs  
Minutes  
September 22, 2014**

**Present:** Michelle Brattain, Elisabeth Burgess, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Shelby Frost, Lynda Goodfellow, Kathryn McClymond, Sarah Pallas, George Rainbolt, Tim Renick, Rose Sevcik, Cherian Thachenkary, and Kris Varjas.

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The meeting was called to order by the chair, Laura Fredrick, at 12:04 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves. Dr. Fredrick asked mentioned a letter that one of her faculty member's received from Blue Cross. After some discussion, it was decided that Beth Jones will be contacted regarding this issue.

Rose Sevcik reported for the Research Committee. Discussion items included: the uptick in federal grant support and how to spread the credit around to all members of the research team, and open access publishing for theses and dissertations and the embargo option.

Vice Provost Renick gave an update on several issues that are under review. It is difficult for students to satisfy their CTW requirement and this can delay graduation. Admissions and Standards will look at the data. The "repeat to replace" policy may not really be a helpful policy after all. Some faculty are not allowing students to take their class if the student misses the first day of class. +/- grading is problematic when a student receives a "C-"; that grade cannot count in the students' major. Dr. Renick said his office is collecting data now on these issues and will review these policies.

Since there was no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Committee assistant