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Present: Sathy Rajendran, Mary Radeke, Jason Dormady, Lila Harper and Bret Smith

Absent: Janet Shields

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order 4:05 p.m.

The agenda was approved.

April 9 minutes were reviewed. Bret raised questions about number 7 of the committee member removal language and moved to change "If the committee work is blocked" to "If the committee's work is block." Motion was second and approved.

Protection of speech in the Senate was then discussed. The committee discussed the background of this referendum. Bret suggested the new protection of speech language should be placed in Sec. I B, with a new subsection a. The committee considered whether their charge was to write language pertaining to the entire university or just to the activities of the Senate. It was decided that, realistically, we should focus on the Senate's activities.

Starting with the resolve language from Senate Motion No 14-77 (approved), Bret suggested the substitution of the words "speech and action" rather than "discourse" in order to protect the act of voting. The parenthetical phrase (including voting) was added.

The new language is as follows:

Among the rights valued by the Senate is the right of any faculty member to speak on issues pertaining to his or her responsibilities. The Faculty Senate provides a protected environment in which faculty may engage in speech and actions (including voting) without fear of reprisal or admonition by their supervisors or administration.

There will not be a meeting on May 13th.

Next meeting will be May 20th to address timelines in the Code and Bylaws.

May 27th the committee will review the Emeritus language.

Meet was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Submitted by Lila Harper