

Regents Committee Minutes March 19, 2013 Portland, OR

Present: Stanley (chair); Kerrigan; Ivanov-Craig; Brewster; Miller

- The Regents welcomed President Sarah Dangelantonio to the first segment of the meeting, who discussed the degree to which Regents might autonomously set forth their own evolving job description. The group spoke frankly about the “informal review” letters each Regent received; the president indicated that there was a “lack of context” for these and that the review process would be different in the future.
- The Regents freely aired reactions to these letters among themselves. The consensus was that, while each letter was somewhat different from the others, the Regents as a body would look toward the future and pledge to work as a unit toward the betterment of the organization—despite lingering hurt from some of the letters.
- The concept of a Regents Handbook (or Guide) was discussed, with multiple formats debated. It was agreed that the new, incoming chair of this committee would take the lead here.
- Since it had been agreed to give Lauren Brandeberry the last segment of the meeting to discuss important Regent-SR/ASR matters, the following issues were tabled (but are definitely up for discussion in the weeks and months before the planning meeting): Regional promotion of national initiatives like the Common Reader, scholarships, and internships; structural and functional relationship with Central Office; changing expectations for the Regent position; committee assignments and disproportionate Regent participation on “heavy duty” year-round committees (as opposed to other Board member committee assignments).
- The structural relationship with SRs and ASRs was discussed with Lauren, including the seeming trend toward SRs taking on more national duties and ASRs working regionally. This trend has apparently not been finalized, but some Regents expressed dismay with this national/regional dichotomy and how it might affect our duties.
- It being 8:55, the meeting was adjourned.

_____ Roger Stanley, outgoing chair of Regents Committee