PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE (PPC)
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE CHAIR: GAYLEN BYKER

A. Major issues addressed by the committee during the 2010–2011 year
1. Proposal from the Education Department for an early childhood major.
2. Proposal to reduce the practicum section size in Nursing and increase the practicum fee to cover the increased costs.
3. Formed a team to explore possibilities for offering on-line education at Calvin.
4. Adopted a recommendation from the Multicultural Affairs Committee regarding the second goal of Campus Environment in the From Every Nation document.
5. Formed an ad hoc committee to evaluate the implications of signing the American Colleges and University President’s Climate Change Initiative.
7. Formed a task force to study the feasibility of forming a varsity football program at Calvin.
8. Reviewed and supported a plan to offer a voluntary new 50 meal plan for students and a 25 meal plan for faculty and staff.
9. Reviewed a comparison of faculty and administrator salaries with salaries of faculty and administrators at similar institutions.

B. Actions the committee brought before Faculty Senate (if any)
1. PPC 10-01: Revised Tier System for Off-Campus Programs
2. PPC 10-02: Key Control Policy
3. PPC 10-03: Mandate for Camp Waltman Lake
4. PPC 10-04: Proposal for a Tobacco Free Campus

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the committee initiated or implemented
1. Voluntary Retirement Program for Faculty and Staff
2. Involuntary Staff Reductions
3. Benefits were renewed for July 2011 through June 2012
4. Proposed tuition, room and board costs for 2011-12
5. Approved proposal for digital signage at Calvin.

D. Issues that will continue to be before the committee next year
1. Addition of Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse as Intercollegiate Sports
2. Budget/Staffing reductions for 2012-13
3. Proposed budget for 2012-13
4. Benefits renewal for 2012-13