

FSAC Minutes | December 3, 2009

1:00 – 3:00 Sue Jameson Room

Present: Paula Hammett, Chip McAuley, Richard Senghas, Richard Whitkus, Melinda Barnard, Janejira Sutanonpaiboon (recorder)

Guest: Victor Garlin

Convened at 1:05 PM

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Minutes: Postponed

REPORTS:

1. Chair's report—Paula Hammett
 - a. No report.
2. Vice Provost's report—Melinda Barnard
 - a. In one particular department, there is a question of where FERPs (Faculty Early Retirement Program) fall in assigning courses.
 - i. It was not clear in the contract.
 - ii. Victor Garlin mentioned that there is a document that explains the roles of FERPs.
 - iii. Barnard will investigate.
 - b. Second-year reappointment issues in RTP policy.
 - i. Some departments not providing compelling evidence.
 - ii. Candidates can rebut, but what does "rebuttal" really mean?
 - c. RTP criteria will be on the Web by the end of Fall 2009.
3. Academic Freedom Subcommittee—Viki Montera
 - a. Viki Montera could not come to the FSAC meeting today, thus no report.
4. Professional Development Subcommittee—Janejira Sutanonpaiboon
 - a. PDS has not met since last FSAC meeting, thus no report.
 - b. Melinda Barnard added that the Faculty Subcommittee on Sponsored Programs (FSSP) met and discussed the Goldstein Research Award and RSCAP money.
5. URTP update—Paula Hammett
 - a. Sabbatical applications were reviewed and sent to the president.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Periodic Evaluation of temporary faculty
 - a. A draft standard Temporary Faculty Evaluation form (attached with 12-3-09 agenda) was discussed.
 - b. Policy revisions reviewed.
 - c. Whitkus volunteered to take another pass and try to whittle it down a bit.

2. Role of lecturers in Departmental Governance

- a. Can lecturers vote in departmental elections?
- b. Need to clarify policy about voting rights for lecturers, based on current interpretations of Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- c. Hammett will revise draft to take into consideration items discussed.

Adjourned at 2:53 PM