

FSAC Minutes (revised and approved – 3-21-08)

February 7, 2008

1:00 - 3:00 Sue Jameson Room

Present: Maria Hess, Carlos Ayala, Carol Blackshire-Belay, Victor Garlin, Paula Hammett, Jane Sutanonpaiboon, Sunil Tiwari (until 2:30), Beth Warner, Helmut Wautischer (recorder).

Convened at 1:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Moving order of business items to 3, 2, 4, 1. Approved.

Approval of Minutes: Approved with one corrections, third sentence in item 3 reads "Confusion was around the relationship of the Academic Freedom Policy and the complaint procedures."

Reports:

Hess (chair of FSAC) reports on RTP feedback from ExCom (see business item 4).

Blackshire-Belay (faculty affairs) report postponed to next meeting.

Wautischer (academic freedom subcommittee) no report.

Professional development subcommittee – no report, since there is currently no liaison.

Business Items:

Item 1, Academic freedom items moved to next meeting due to lack of time.

Item 2, PDS – charge revision, TC 1:35. Beez Schell and Brett Christie present the proposed revised charge of the Professional Development Subcommittee. Proposed changes reflect the evolving role of the PDS, including its relationship to its relationship to the Director of the Center for Teaching and Professional Development, which is now a full-time position. At 2:30, FSAC conditionally approved unanimously the revised charge, provided that two core objections are resolved. (1) re-wording of the opening paragraph to ensure that no interpretation of the policy could suggest an authoritative or mandatory capacity of PDS concerning faculty development, and (2) assessment of adding a permanent CFA seat to the committee's composition. In addition, it is also suggested (3) to merge points 5 and 6.

Item 3, Faculty in residence, TC 1:15. Chuck Rhodes presented details about ongoing efforts to develop a policy for the faculty in residence program. It was determined that the proposal would need to be vetted through EPC, and only after approval, FSAC is the appropriate body to review its consequences for faculty. The discussion was treated as an informational item and no action was taken by FSAC.

Item 4, RTP feedback from ExCom. A request to increase the size of the RTP committee with 2 additional members will be assessed by Structures & Function. There has been some concern by ExCom about the revised RTP document, prompting their suggestion to move the revision back to FSAC. However, FSAC could not add any new value to the document and suggests that, after posting the revised draft for an additional period of 2 weeks on WebCT, the document needs to be reviewed by the Senate and any faculty concerns or comments need to be addressed in the context of the Senate readings.

Adjourned 2:55 p.m.