

FSAC Meeting Minutes 10/28/2010

Sue Jameson Room, 1-3pm

Present: Richard Senghas (Chair), Alex Boyar, Paula Hammett (recorder), Chip McAuley, Andy Merrifield (CFA), Sandra Newton, Richard Whitkus,
Absent: Melinda Barnard , Viki Montera

Convened: 1:05
Agenda: Approved
Minutes: Minutes from 10/14 approved

Reports:

Chair's Report -- Senghas

Executive Committee – EPC and GE are very busy with GE reform efforts. SSU has received its budget. Lecturers still concerned about 15/16 units issues (FSAC recommends they take it directly to the senate). Intellectual Property Policy is being drafted, with strong input by FSSP, and will come to FSAC this fall. Issues regarding student and faculty behavior may require action at some point.

President's Budget Advisory Committee – Merrifield

New budget will probably settle out to 7420 FTES. CFA concerned about rehiring and work increase of lecturers to meet this new target. Urges "careful consideration" and "new and additional work"(article 12 of CBA). Some processes need clarification and we need to very careful in our hiring.

Professional Development Subcommittee – McAuley

No meeting.

Academic Freedom Subcommittee (AFS) – Newton

Looking at Free Speech Permit and lingering issues from the Time, Place and Manner policy, which was abandoned by the administration this summer. Specific questions include: Does the signature on the Free Speech Permit form indicate notification or approval? What are the criteria for approval/denial? Has anyone ever been turned down? What about spontaneous demonstrations that can't give 1 week's notice? Are there greater restrictions on students and faculty than on the general public? AFS is asked to make a formal recommendation and bring it to FSAC as an agenda item.

URTP – Hammett

Lots of questions regarding fine points of RTP and sabbatical process. Sabbatical policy really needs some cleanup. Suggestion that since sabbatical

issues are targeted by CFA and CSU for rebargaining, we should wait for any major overhaul until a new contract is in place.

Faculty Subcommittee on Sponsored Programs (FSSP) – Whitkus

Discussion of post-award process. FSSP working hard and well on IP Policy, which will come to FSAC this semester. Report on research needs of faculty nearing completion and will come to FSAC in December.

Vice-Provost – Barnard

Absent – no report.

Business:

1. RTP Policy clarification revision – Hammett

Task force met and developed a summary of issues identified as needing clarification. FSAC went over the issues and recommended changes. One area was not discussed, because an absent committee member had specific concerns to convey. Those concerns will be discussed at next FSAC meeting. In the meantime, the task force will move ahead on creating a strike-through version to bring back to the committee for wordsmithing and approval.

2. Concerns about CMS process driving policy

Specific concerns about how the implementation process in PeopleSoft may be overriding faculty policy and curricular decisions.

- a. Course substitution forms—Department chair approved course substitutions, but lots of angry students came back saying their PeopleSoft accounts did not reflect this approval and gave them contradicting information.
- b. Course repeat policy—policy states students must get department chair or advisor's signature before signing up to repeat a course. In practice students can repeat a course without this approval.

Department chair who questioned these processes was told it was a CMS implementation issue, and that the policies were being changed to reflect the process. FSAC chair will bring the issues to ExCom to see which committees oversee these policies, and whether any other committee is already addressing the issues.