

FSAC Minutes
November 17, 2005
1:00 - 3:00 Sue Jameson Room

Present: Carlos Ayala, Brian Eli, Catherine Freund, Sue Hayes, Kathleen Scully, Geoffrey Skinner, Susan Stewart, Helmut Wautischer.

Convened at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Approved.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes from 3 November submitted.

Reports:

Ayala reported on 10 November Academic Senate. The course outline policy has passed with amendments. The revised charge to Academic Freedom Subcommittee has passed EXCOM and is now moved to Structures and Function.

No report from Faculty Affairs.

Wautischer had no report from Academic Freedom Subcommittee.

Hayes reported on the Professional Development Subcommittee. She also requested that Bill Poe be invited to attend the FSAC meeting on February 2nd.

Business Items:

Item 1, Robert Coleman – Sabbatical Policy. Coleman reports on perceived shortcomings of the SSU sabbatical procedure. Candidates cannot contribute to, or contest, the process of decision making until the actual decision is made by URTP committee. At this point, there are no provisions for an appeal and no information is given to the candidate for rebuttal. He asks for a new university procedure to regulate sabbatical decisions in a similar manner than grant petitions. This new procedure should include (1) ranking, (2) due process, and (3) confidential feedback mechanisms. Bill Poe attended for part of the discussion period and informed FSAC about the logistics of current URTP procedures for sabbatical decisions.

Item 2, WASC Worksheets. Recommendations were set for each category that was assigned to FSAC, plus additional categories that seem within the scope of FSAC. In total, 1.4., 1.5., 2.2., 2.3., 2.8., 2.9., 2.14., 3.1., 3.2., 3.3., 3.4., 4.3., 4.5. An additional recommendation option was implemented for accuracy.

Item 3, Faculty Recruitment Policy. New language was considered. Postponed to next meeting.

Item 4, Religious Observances Policy. Skinner provided a comprehensive draft of the policy. Minor changes were discussed.

Item 5, Sabbatical Leave Policy. Postponed to next meeting.

Adjourned 2:50 p.m.