

FSAC Minutes

8 November 2007

Convened at 1:05 PM

Present: Carlos Ayala, Carol Blackshire-Belay, Maria Hess, Sunil Tiwari, Beth Warner, Helmut Wautischer, Jenjira Sutanonpaiboon, Paula Hammett

Guests: Victor Garlin, John Kornfield, William Poe

Agenda and Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Chair – Maria Hess

The RTP document would go to Executive Committee (next week) before it goes to the Senate. She extended the invitation to all members to join her when the RTP document is presented to the Senate.

Carlos Ayala suggested a power point presentation to the senate. The idea was well received by all members.

Faculty Affairs -- Carol Blackshire-Belay reported that 104 members of faculty have been elected on Faculty Hearing Panel. A meeting will be held shortly to elect the chair of the panel. She also reported that all 33 searches were going well. The Faculty Affairs office plans to offer workshops on PI-training in the near future. Subsequent workshops would be offered in December and January.

Professional Development Subcommittee – No representative

Academic Freedom Subcommittee: Helmut Wautischer – No Report

Business:

Helmut Wautischer explained the Academic Freedom Policy document very well. The policy was approved unanimously after a few corrections. The document would now go to Structures and Functions. He (Wautischer) also mentioned that the SSU Statement on Collegiality document was approved unanimously by AFS but there is no record of its approval by Executive Committee.

Rest of the time was spent on reviewing and correcting the RTP document. Members discussed and agreed that even though the ranking of the candidates by URTP was no longer relevant, it should be done. William Poe suggested that the new policy should not be effective immediately after it's approval but it should be effective following the cycle in which it is adopted. This technical change was made in the MOU. There was a lively discussion on combining the Promotion and the Tenure documents. The committee thinks that the documents should be considered separately but combining the two is a very good idea.