

# Faculty Standards & Affairs Committee

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## MEETING AGENDA

Meeting minutes of November 5, 2020 – Notes taken by Angelo Camillo

Meeting was conducted virtually over zoom

Meeting started at 1:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Present
<b>Paula Lane</b> , Education, Committee Chair	Y
<b>Arts &amp; History, TBD</b>	N
<b>Mary Wegmann</b> , Library	Y
<b>Richard Whitkus</b> , Biology	Y
<b>Tom Whitley</b> , Anthropology	Y
<b>Angelo Camillo</b> , Busines & Economics	Y
<b>Deborah A. Roberts</b> , Faculty Affairs	Y
<b>Emily Clark</b> , California Faculty Association Rep.	Y
<b>Victor Madrid</b> , AS Rep.	Y

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Yes by consensus

**Motion by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Abstained:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Yes, by consensus, accepted as they are

**Revisions:** Dr. Roberts was not noted as absent in the last meeting

**Motion by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Abstained:**

**Edward Lyon:** Guest, School of Education, Faculty Subcommittee on Scholarly Activities (FSSA), joined the meeting shortly after the meeting started.

Discuss the role of supporting faculty scholarship and trying to clarify what scholarship means? For this meeting, Edward introduced the following Position Statement: ***Supporting Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) at Sonoma State.***

PL asked about the purpose of introducing this statement. EL: bringing faculty together, recognizing the values, and what role we do have here at SSU?

DR. was asked for her opinion. DR. suggested consulting with CFA to ensure that anything in the statement is in line with the new faculty hire contract. The document includes something the committee will do in the future. However, do the activities are in line with what they are supposed to do? EL intervened, making sure that does not intervene with anything. PL emphasized that we receive documents to review and consider them, so she is trying to understand what exactly FSAC should be doing about this position statement? RW posits that the position statement may have merit. He feels that the FSSA committee is looking for support. PL does not find anything wrong with the position statement. EL emphasizes that the statement is to tell what we do, what others think about it, and again to bring faculty together. PL suggested looking into the details and continuing to discuss and give some feedback in two weeks.

Edward Lyon left the meeting at around 1:30 PM. FSAC continued the discussion proposing what content should be changed? DR believes it is a great thing that a subcommittee brings this kind of thins up for discussion. TW reflected on the language as well, highlighting some points in the statement that can be recommendations. There was a broad exchange of opinions regarding the content of the position statement.

We will take this document with everyone's support to make some minor changes and distribute them to the committee for review. Some changes are in the document. PL will send it to Richard, the liaison of FSSA, for review.

## STANDING REPORTS

- **Chair (Lane)** – This morning, Paula was at the Dean's council regarding the department RTP. Well received. Schools will submit the RTP documents and criteria for review. Deans pointed out that they have no say in the RTP process. The meeting is moving forward with more development to come.

Paula did not attend the AFS subcommittee.

Paula will send the RTP policy back to the School of Chemistry; it is not approved as is.

Paula asked the committee members that if there is nothing major to report, to dedicate the remaining time to revise the URTP policy.

- **AVP (Roberts)** Deborah proposed that Paula make an announcement at the Senate meeting re: the RTP committees in all schools, they should make sure to review the WPAF
- **AFS (Lane)** – Did not attend due to scheduling conflict
- **FSSA (Whitkus)** – Nothing extraordinary to report
- **PDS (Whitley)** – Nothing extraordinary to report
- **URTP (none)** – Currently, no FSAC representative.
- **CFA (Clark)** – CFA Met and discussed Dtp Chairs guidelines were discussed. There are differences between the document and what chairs are doing? There will be workshops in February.

## **OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. URTP Policy revisions. The committee continued to work on the most recent revision spearheaded by Richard. Changes, deletions, additions were discussed, proposed, and inserted or omitted were intended to be.
2. Great progress has been made, and the FSAC committee intends to complete this by the end of the semester.

## **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

Jeffrey Reeder, the Senate Chair, joined the FSAC meeting at 2:48 PM to say hi; he will be back sometimes in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM