

Faculty Standards and Affairs Committee

Business Meeting Minutes

5/7/09 : Corrected version 5/23/09

1:00—3:00 PM Sue Jameson Room

Present: Sunil Tiwari (chair), Carlos Ayala, Melinda Barnard, Paula Hammett, Richard Senghas, Janejira Sutanonpaiboon, Beth Warner (recorder), Helmut Wautischer

Absent: Victor Garlin

Convened at: 1:05 PM

Agenda approved with addition of Item 7, Clarifying the SFR and FAD calculation and usage; and Item 8, Criteria for evaluation of lecturers

Minutes approved with minor corrections

Reports:

1. Chair of FSAC – Sunil Tiwari

- a. Richard Whitkus will be the School of Science and Technology rep to FSAC in the Fall.
- b. Thank you letter to the Goldsteins: BW will follow up with Scott Miller on its status, and make sure that Estelle is included.
- c. Excellence in Teaching Award: a minor change in wording approved. BW will send final version to Laurel Holmstrom.

2. Faculty Affairs – Melinda Barnard

- a. PPI part two in process. Appeals board will be constituted in the Fall.
- b. Checked in about her summer priorities.
- c. Academic Tech Advisory Committee: developing a strategic plan.

3. Academic Freedom Subcommittee – Helmut Wautischer

- a. May be a case coming up in Hutchins regarding student complaints about “explicit” movies. Informal meetings so far; AFS has offered assistance.

4. Professional Development Subcommittee – Jane Sutanonpaiboon

- a. See handout; Heather Smith will be new chair for Fall.

Business Items:

1. Departmental RTP Criteria – Paula Hammett, Carlos Ayala, Richard Senghas

- a. PH reported that 15 have been finalized, 4 have chosen to stay with campus criteria, and they are waiting on 15 revisions.
- b. Letters have been sent to the departments with finalized criteria; these will be posted over the summer on the Faculty Affairs website. PH will check with revising departments to see if they can be done by June so they can be included.
- c. PH will let MB know the wording to use for those departments using University criteria.

2. Faculty Development Fund – Sunil Tiwari

- a. Karina Nielsen and Raye Lynn Thomas came to discuss a proposal to bring together faculty representatives in order to coordinate efforts and come up with a list of common needs. So far the ad hoc committee has representatives from most faculty communities on campus, along with some administrative representatives. This committee will be a recommending body. The formal constitution of this committee will be deferred to Fall through Structures and Functions.
- b. A non-discipline specific matrix is being developed to organize these common needs. Discipline-specific needs will also be addressed, as will individual needs.
- c. CA wants to make sure there is no conflict of interest, where bodies in line to receive funding are making decisions about allocation.

3. Response to President's August 2008 memo

- a. Nothing seems to be moving on this in other faculty committees. Response can include both commendation for progress and notations about outstanding issues. One main point is about the faculty role in budgeting. Appropriate response from FSAC will be considered in the Fall.

Items 4—8 tabled for next meeting. Members to ponder which issues FSAC should consider in the Fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.