

FSAC Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009
Sue Jameson Room
1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Present: Paula Hammett (Chair), Melinda Barnard (Vice Provost), Janejira Sutanonpaiboon, Victor Garlin, Viki Montera, Richard Senghas, Richard Whitkus, Chip McAuley (recorder)

Visitors: Julia Arno (ORSP Director), Karina Nielsen (FSSP), Jenny Tice (ASI)

Convened: 1p.m.

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved for Sept. 3, 2009

REPORTS

1) Chair of FSAC –Paula Hammett

As requested at the last FSAC meeting, Hammett queried Laurel Holmstrom about whether any of the committees wrote responses last year to President Armiñana's response to the No Confidence vote. To the best of her knowledge, no committees have responded or plan to.

With some members dissenting, Senghas said he does not want to let it fade away unfinished.

Hammett and Senghas will draft brief letter as response for review by FSAC.

Hammett also mentioned Senator Sam Brennan's resolution before the Academic Senate against the proposed four day module and encouraged those with strong feelings about the issue to attend the meeting.

Hammett also reminded members of the WASC review in October.

2) Faculty Affairs Report- Vice Provost of Academic Affairs: Melinda Barnard

Barnard reported she had provided a copy of the Furlough MOU regarding RTP for probationary faculty.

Hammett and Barnard drafted a letter with Dr. Georgia Schwartz from the campus Health Center regarding excuse notes for flu sufferers that was distributed to faculty.

Barnard hopes to avoid a top down approach to dealing with excuse notes for flu sufferers.

Barnard also reported 80 percent of furlough forms are in and that the process is going “smoothly.”

Faculty Affairs is also working on a census to compare last year’s lecturer numbers to this year’s numbers. Report to be released shortly.

3) ASI Report – Vice President Jenny Tice

Tice proposed using Facebook as a means to communicate with students who do not use their Seawolf e-mails to help with flu prevention and containment.

4) Academic Freedom Subcommittee - Viki Montera

Year end report available and will come to FSAC. Subcommittee also dealing with the following issues:

Academic Technology Initiative

Faculty Bill of Rights (which has not been updated for 5 years)

Academic Freedom Subcommittee wants to figure out a way to have a conversation about academic freedom in the form of a panel or forum.

Barnard believes conversations should include discussion of rights and responsibilities. Garlin believes conversations about rights and responsibilities should be separate.

Hammett encouraged FSAC members to e-mail Viki with ideas.

5) Professional Development Committee – Jane Sutanonpaiboon

-No quorum at latest meeting

Issues discussed included:

-Grant writing

-Student experience workshop

-Fall workshop/Spring workshop

-New Faculty Orientation

-Potluck at end of spring

6) URTP – Hammett

Nothing to report.

BUSINESS

1) Furloughs and Meetings

Hammett asked members to e-mail if they would be furloughed on meeting days.

2) RTP Applying to Lecturers

-Department specific RTP criteria were developed and approved last year for tenure-track and tenure faculty. Question has come up about whether or not departmental RTP criteria apply to lecturers. After discussion and consultation of the relevant documents, FSAC concluded that lecturers are covered by the Periodic Evaluation of Temporary Faculty (PETF) document rather than department RTP criteria or campus RTP policy. The PETF policy does have provisions for departments to create criteria for lecturers, but it is separate from the RTP criteria.

Members agreed that revising the PETF policy will be a major goal for FSAC this year.

Barnard added there is a “very important value” to lecturer evaluations as they may factor into rankings for classes.

3) Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Presentation by Julia Arno

Julia Arno reported that ORSP responsibilities include:

- Helps faculty and staff get external funding and manage budget
- Manages ethical requirements for funding
- Ethics training for post-docs
- Faculty expo
- Pre-award and compliance issues

Senghas reported problem with funding for travel in his department because of timing of academic conferences in his discipline do not coincide with the academic year funding calendar. Arno said the issue could be resolved.

4) FSSP Report from Karina Nielsen, Faculty Research Associate

Nielsen reported that:

- FSSP Charge Revision is out of date
- Re-crafted some language for FSAC to review and approve
- FSSP continues allocating and reviewing proposals for internal funding
- Reviewing proposals for NEH summer fellowships
- Administration and Finance consultation on related issues

FSAC approved revision of changes to the FSSP charge.

Revision will be forwarded to the Structures and Functions Committee.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.