

FSAC Meeting Minutes

17 December, 2009

1p.m. to 3 p.m.

(Revised and adopted 2/11/2010)

Richard J Senghas 12/17/2009 11:48 AM
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Present: Paula Hammett (Chair), Richard Whitkus, Chip McAuley, Janejira Sutanonpaiboon, Richard Senghas (note taker), Victor Garlin
Absent: Viki Montera (furlough), Melinda Barnard (Vice Provost) (illness)

Convened: 1:05

- 1) Agenda: approved, with Fairness Board item added, Spring items
- 2) Minutes: Prior minutes of 12/3/2009 and 11/12/2009: both approved, with minor corrections.

REPORTS

- 1) Chair Report – Paula Hammett
 - a. Senate – concerns about senate diversity committee & deliberations
 - i. Long history of concern by faculty/senate, but issues of control over diversity (administration vs. faculty)
 - ii. Workload seen by at least one as a red-herring, as only interested volunteers would take up the work
 - iii. Faculty needs an independent voice; committee needed.
 - iv. Overload workload issue
 - v. We have senate committees already addressing diversity, the reason more things aren't done is a workload issue. A new committee isn't needed; diversity can be worked on through existing committees
 - vi. Faculty can and should do whatever is appropriate for faculty, regardless of what administration does.
 - vii. An oversight committee gives weight to the issues
 - viii. Maybe some designated individual could carry the "diversity flag" in multiple committees, rather than establish another committee.
- 1) No report from Vice Provost.
- 2) Academic Freedom Subcommittee – Viki Montera sent a report of meetings, Time/Place/Manner Policy.
 - a) Recommend member of AFS have an opportunity to participation in the discussions on Time/Place/Manner Policy "committee".
 - b)
- 3) PDS Subcommittee Report – Janejira Sutanonpaiboon
 - a) Reported on PD workshops
 - b) Jerome Holland – ResLife need to work together, dinners together

- c) Connect department culture with institutional culture (deans, chairs, etc.)
 - d) Sutanonpaiboon noted that only five out of 10 committee members attended the last meeting of the PDS.
- 4) URTP: First batch of new process arriving

BUSINESS

- 1) Fairness Board requests FSAC input on expectations of use of e-mail by faculty
 - a. Viki: how does faculty communicate standards?
 - b. Need more info to make interpretations.
 - c. Is there a community standard? There is no policy covering this, generally faculty do use it, but some don't, but the "community standard" expects some use. "Reasonable" professional behavior is contingent on circumstances; no hard and fast rule seems to apply.
- 2) Faculty Civility to Staff Report – (McCauley) drafted letter looks good, let's have this letter go back to the senate as our response. Approved with VERY minor changes. Paula will follow up as chair.
- 3) Role of Lecturers in Dept. Governance (draft change to policy): response is to ask CFA to address this issue during bargaining for the next contract. Otherwise, not change language.
- 4) Periodic Review of Temporary Faculty (Whitkus) — Suggested changes will be adopted, a strikeout version will be brought forward at next FSAC meeting. Hardcopy & electronic versions of Periodic Evaluation of Temporary Faculty.
- 5) ATI Course Materials Adoption Policy (Senghas)
 - a. Differing deadlines for Fall/Spring semesters
- 6) Spring FSAC Items (TC: 2:40)
 - a. Richard Senghas will be chair of FSAC for Spring
 - b. Course Materials Adoption Policy
 - c. Periodic Eval of Temp faculty policy
- 7) Electronic PAF issues (deferred until Spring semester)
- 8) Bylaws revision (deferred until Spring semester)

Meeting adjourned 3 p.m.