

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2013

Opening

The meeting of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:40 pm on 9/26/13 in the Faculty Lounge, College of Law building, by Jenny Fowler.

Present

Eleanor Read, Bonnie Ownley, Jenny Fowler, Phillip Daves, Phillip Ye, Iris Goodwin

Unable to attend: David Harper, John Schwartz, Christopher Cherry, Jo Ann Cady

Approval of Agenda

A formal agenda was not presented.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

The “Revisions to the UTK Faculty Handbook and Manual for Faculty Evaluation” document was presented to the Faculty Senate at the last senate meeting and was approved. The document has been forwarded to John Zomchick who will get it to the Board of Trustees to approve at their next meeting.

The proposal for a new standing committee of the senate, called the NTTF Issues Committee, was amended and then passed by the senate. Once Jenny gets that document corrected with the amendment, it will be forwarded to David Golden to be put in the senate bylaws, and a copy will be sent to John Zomchick.

Open Issues

A policy regarding “Romantic and/or Sexual Relationships Between Faculty and Students” was distributed. The committee provided some input on changes and the document was edited. The document has been sent to the Commissions for Women, Blacks, and LGBT People, the Office of Equity and Diversity, and the Provost’s office for comments/changes and/or approval.

New Business

A Doodle Poll will be used to decide the next meeting date and time.

Agenda for Next Meeting

A policy regarding “Academic Freedom”

Retention Review policy changes for Faculty Handbook

Tenured Faculty Termination policy changes for Faculty Handbook

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm by Jenny Fowler.

Minutes submitted by: Jenny Fowler

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P.S.: Re: Romantic Relationships policy

Minor changes in wording were proposed at the October 7, 2013, Executive Council meeting. The edited proposal was circulated by email to all FAC committee members. A majority voted to accept the edited document so that it could be put before the Faculty Senate at the October 21, 2013, meeting.