

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2014

Opening

The meeting of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:45 pm in Hodges Library, 220E (Commons North), by Jenny Fowler.

Present

Jenny Fowler, Phillip Ye, Bonnie Ownley, David Harper, Jo Anne Deeken, Chris Cherry, Iris Goodwin, Jennifer Gramling

Absent

John Schwartz

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

Academic Freedom – the statement approved last year was added to the newest edition of the Faculty Handbook

Romantic Relationships – we will be getting some information on a new Sexual Misconduct Policy for the Faculty Handbook soon.

Open Issues/New Business

John Zomchick attended the meeting and led a discussion of the following items:

- Retention Review policy changes for Faculty Handbook – Dr. Zomchick circulated a document outlining possible changes in the policy. Committee members discussed pros and cons of the proposed changes. Dr. Zomchick asked that we discuss in a future meeting and then make a recommendation to him about the proposal.
- Tenured Faculty Termination policy changes for Faculty Handbook – Dr. Zomchick has taken this off the table. Some faculty has expressed concern over the procedure for terminating a faculty member because the length of time that it can take with some steps in the process being repeated more than necessary.

Open Issues/Old Business

- David Patterson will return at the next meeting (November) with a new version of possible language on outreach and engagement in chapter 3 of the Faculty Handbook.
- Titles for Extension Faculty: Tim Cross (Dean of UT Extension) will present a new draft proposal for the new non-tenure-track titles for UTIA extension faculty that include the ranks of assistant, associate, and full professor after the beginning of next year.

New Business

Dr. Zomchick asked if there was any other business that members would like to discuss with him. David Harper brought up an issue regarding a NTT Asst. Professor who writes a column as his main job duty who was asked by his supervisor to stop writing the column. Dr. Zomchick gave several suggestions on how to advise the faculty member on the next course of action.

Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting was set for Friday, Nov. 21 at 3 PM. Location will be Hodges Library 220E. David Patterson will be speaking with us at the November meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm by Jenny Fowler.

Minutes submitted by: Jenny Fowler