

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 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, John Schwartz, Bonnie Ownley, David Harper, Jo Anne Deeken, Chris Cherry, Iris Goodwin

Absent

Jennifer Gramling

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

Academic Freedom – will check with Dr. Zomchick to see if this has been added.

Romantic Relationships – this has been rejected. It will need some revision to conform to the new Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Open Issues

The following items are issues that John Zomchick would like for us to address. He will be at our October meeting to lead the discussion.

- Retention Review policy changes for Faculty Handbook (this was discussed at an Executive Council meeting in October 2013 <http://senate-utk-edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/blogs.dir/2/files/2013/08/Exec.-Minutes-October-2013.pdf> and at the Senate meeting of Oct. 2013 [http://senate-utk-edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/blogs.dir/2/files/2013/08/October-2013.min .pdf](http://senate-utk-edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/blogs.dir/2/files/2013/08/October-2013.min.pdf))
- Tenured Faculty Termination policy changes for Faculty Handbook

New Business

- David Patterson presented some possible language on outreach and engagement in chapter 3 of the Faculty Handbook. Discussion centered on footnotes and clarity of the language. David said he would take our comments back to his committee and get back with us later.

- **Titles for Extension Faculty:** There has been a request to create non-tenure-track titles for UTIA extension faculty that include the ranks of assistant, associate, and full professor. These faculty have the necessary credentials for faculty rank. Tim Cross (Dean of UT Extension) presented a proposal for the new titles. Discussion was held and some comments and suggestions were shared. Dr. Cross will share comments with his colleagues and get back to us with a new document with a preamble explaining the need for such titles.

Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting was set for Friday, Oct. 24, followed by a meeting on Nov. 21 (if needed). Location will be Hodges Library 220E. John Zomchick will be speaking with us at the October meeting.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Jenny Fowler