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Faculty Affairs Committee

Monday April 13, 2020, 3:30-4:30pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/700509737>

Members Present: Beauvais Lyons, Cheryl Greenacre, Jessica Westerhold, Todd Freeberg, Nathalie Hristov, Brian Krumm, Jon Shefner.

Members Absent: Eliza Fink and Elizabeth MacTavish.

Approval of the Minutes: [March 9, 2020](#) (approved)

Old Business:

Goal 5: Update on the Bullying Task Force (Nathalie Hristov and Todd Freeberg)

A meeting was held last Tuesday and the task force is still working on the definitions. Without developing a definition of bullying, no other activities are planned. They have another meeting scheduled for the beginning of May when they hope to approve a definition. It is expected that the work of the task force regarding policy implications will take place over the summer and into the fall.

Goal 9: Update on dismissal of NTTF in Handbook 5.6 (Brian Krumm)

Because of the on-line teaching load that has fallen on NTTF, Laurie Knox and Crystal McAlvin, chairs of the NTTF Issues Committee, have not been able to work on this. There was a larger discussion on the committee regarding the work-load that has fallen on NTTF, and concern about the preparations needed for fall if instruction is still on-line. There was discussion about job security, and concerns that NTTF have.

Goal 2-3: Update on [“Other Policy Documents”](#) from Section 1.11 of the *Faculty Handbook*, and review the [Appendix I](#) section of the *Faculty Handbook*.

Beauvais and John Zomchick have not been able to make progress on this goal, in part as focus has been in response to COVID-19, and expect this to be part of the 2020-2021 committee goals.

Final Report for the Year: (Beauvais Lyons)

Beauvais expressed thanks to everyone for their service on the committee this year. Several of the committee members will be rolling off of the Faculty Senate (Nathalie and Todd), and some are up for election again (Jon and Jessica) and will hopefully be able to continue to serve on the committee. Beauvais will circulate a draft of a final report in the next week for input and review.

Adjournment: 3:55pm