

Unit Criteria Committee - End of Year Report
2017
Submitted by M. Bacsujlaky, Chair

AY 16-17 Unit Criteria members: Mara Bacsujlaky (chair), David Maxwell, Bob Bolton, Sarah Hardy, Carie Green, Jennifer Tilbury, Julie Matweyou, Doug Goering

The committee met monthly from September through April.

The following criteria were presented, reviewed, approved and moved on to full Faculty Senate approval during the AY16-17 academic year:

Department of Theatre and Film
Alaska Native Language Center and Alaska Native Language Program
Department of English-Philosophy and Humanities
College of Engineering and Mines

Other business:

Blue Book revisions: Joint Appointments: The committee reviewed proposed blue book revisions submitted by Bill Bristow from the previously convened *Committee on Joint Appointment Primacy*, along with two documents prepared by Mara and David as possible policies for joint appointment evaluation from a “holistic” and a “must serve both masters” perspective. The concrete changes suggested by the past committee were generally seen as good, and after some discussion and minor revisions, these were excerpted, approved by this committee and passed on to the Administrative Committee in February 2017. Jayne Harvie uploaded the document to Google Drive so that Ad Com committee members could comment, edit and mark changes. The hope was to have the revisions reviewed, and approved by end of the spring semester, but with a full roster of proposed program discontinuations for which to provide recommendations, this was not done. It is effectively tabled til next academic year. However, the work of the unit criteria committee on this is completed, at least until such time should a future Ad Com decide to return it for additional work.

Blue Book revisions: Promotion for Non-tenure track faculty: Due to CBA negotiations, in which this was an item under negotiation, work on this issue was tabled by the Unit Criteria Committee. This was done in anticipation of a new contract being finalized by December 2016; however with negotiations now entering mediation, it is unclear, at the date of this report, what the status of this item is on the slate of items/clauses under negotiation. This issue will need to be addressed by Faculty Senate/subcommittee(s) in AY-18, as it is likely in this current atmosphere that the status quo (promotion only for research, clinical and extension non-tenure track faculty) will be maintained (if not weakened) in the final version of the new UNAC CBA.