

Faculty Senate - Faculty Affairs Committee

Minutes from November 2nd, 2012 meeting

Voting members present: Cécile Lardon (Chair), Mike Davis, Leif Albertson, Julie Joly, Margaret Short, Duff Johnston

1. Blue Book:

- a. Karen & Cécile have met with Abel Bult-Ito and Cyndee West from UNAC. We went over the documents submitted by the provost; there was only one proposed change UNAC has an issue with. The FAC will keep working with the unit criteria committee and present a draft of the complete document to UNAC for review prior to submitting it to the Senate. We will also contact UNAC if we have any questions. This process worked well at UAA.
 - b. Karen has modified the Google site for the project to make keeping track of documents and changes easier.
2. Policy about earning degrees/certificates by staff/faculty in the same unit: Duff sent a letter of inquiry to a university with a similarly dispersed and/or rural campus situation. He has not received a response yet.
3. Data on non-regular faculty teaching: No report
4. Discussion of progress on the three bigger projects: Subgroups need to make more progress in order to complete the projects this year – may need to meet outside of regular committee meetings.
5. New Topic: Should units be able to appoint an alternate after the election? This request came from Joanne Healy in the SOE who is concerned that they have difficulty finding enough faculty to fill their two regular senate seats and the alternate position. The committee developed three suggestions:
- a. Have a special election cycle in the fall before the first senate meeting to fill any empty seats.
 - b. No regular special election. If a unit loses a senator and has not alternate to fill the vacancy then, and only then, can they elect a replacement. The details of this need to be worked out.
 - c. Survey the senators about what they think.

The majority of committee members (5 out of 6) voted for option b. We will develop this more and discuss again at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 19th at 1:00 in the Kayak room.