

Faculty Affairs Committee meeting

February 14, 2018

2:30-4:00 in 201 Bunnell

notes by Sine Anahita

Present: Debu Misra; Ataur Chowdhury; Sine Anahita; Andy Anger; Julie (Jak) Maier; Jeff May; Josh Greenberg; Mark Herrmann (ex-officio); Courtney Carothers; Gordon Williams.

Maureen Hogan was excused.

We approved the agenda and approved the minutes from our last meeting with a couple of grammatical changes.

Old Business

Grade appeal process

Jak reported that the chairs of SADA and CAC are okay with the proposed policy. Jak will request that AdComm move it forward.

Shared governance and Relations Administration/faculty/departments

Will continue to be our umbrella framework for the foreseeable future.

Program Review Subcommittee (PRS)

Gordon reported that the PRS has had one meeting. The participants brainstormed a list of questions that Gordon plans to ask Vice Provost Alex Fitts at their meeting a few days later. Gordon reports that the meeting with Alex Fitts went well, and he will report details at the next PRS meeting. Josh Greenberg asked to join the PRS. Next meeting is February 21.

Bluebook Revisions Editors Committee (BREC)

The BREC met a week ago and plans to meet again in one week. Sine was elected chair and Leslie Shallcross was elected co-chair. The BREC members were tasked with reviewing the Bluebook revisions so far and determining which parts are ready to go, which need wordsmithing or short discussion, and which need broader conversations involving Faculty Senate, unions, and/or other entities. The committee requested Chris Fallen to appoint a CRCD faculty member, and Cindy Hardy (DEVE) graciously agreed to serve. The BREC is determined to meet FS President Chris Fallen's goal of finalizing the revisions by the end of the year.

Faculty 180

Ataur reported that he did not hear back from the other faculty who were appointed to this ad hoc committee. Andy reported that renewal of Faculty 180 is on an annual basis, but that if the university could renew for five year contracts, money would be saved. Mark said he likes Faculty 180, but that he gets his admin to print out paper copies for his use. Andy notes that the university uses the system to pull data. Sine commented that the gain in efficiency for the university results in a loss of time and effort for faculty. Ataur noted that he is concerned with privacy issues, e.g. who has access to the data on faculty. Jeff and Andy like Faculty 180 because

of the preloaded data. We agreed that it's time to move forward on the issue, so we requested that Jak ask at AdComm that a convening chair be appointed

New Business

Movement of School of Natural Resources and Extension (SNRE)

Josh reported that Provost Susan Henrichs announced that SNRE would be dissolved as a school, and its faculty moved to department status under the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The FAC is concerned that the process did not provide for meaningful faculty input, and thus raises questions about shared governance. We agreed to invite Provost Susan Henrichs to meet to discuss our questions about process. Jak will contact the Provost to request a meeting on or around Wednesday, February 21.

Motion re: Sociology and Philosophy

The chair of CAC put the possibility of a memo about the curricular necessity of strong programs in Philosophy and Sociology on the CAC agenda for discussion. The chair of CAC reported back that due to some members' concerns, CAC is unwilling to put the memo forward at this time. The CAC chair and President Chris Fallen invited Sine to suggest language for the memo. FAC decided to support this. Because the future of Economics is also unclear, and because Economics is also a foundational discipline for the modern university, the memo will include Economics as well.

Member comments

Sine discussed working with the administration to create a proactive plan in case of cyber-harassment of faculty. The FAC agreed that this is an issue we are willing to take on. Sine will bring discussion materials to the March meeting.

Next meetings:

extra meeting February 21, 2:00-3:00 with Provost Susan Henrichs re: SNRE 304 Eielson.

March 7, 2:30-4:00 PM in 717 Gruening (web conference available)

April 11, 2:30-4:00 PM in 718 Gruening (audio available only)