

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) Meeting – March 8, 2017

Minutes:

Meeting began at 2:20 p.m. in Gruening Building, Room 206

Present:

- Committee Members: Andy Anger, Jeff Benowitz, Jeff May, Val Gifford, Jak Maier
- Paul Layer

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Add item to agenda for today's new business items – discussion of Motion to have the past president added to Faculty Senate and ADCOM meetings. Jeff May moves to approve. Jeff Benowitz seconds. No objections. Agenda approved (with this new business items).

Approval of Minutes from last Meeting:

Minutes approved.

Old Business:

1. Resolution in support of International Faculty, Staff and Students

The resolution presented to Faculty Senate was approved this week.

New Business:

A. Drafting Amendments/Updates to the Process for Censuring Administrators

Background – See Document dated 1/27/17 Administrative Committee Agenda explaining the history and the rationale for this proposed action.

The current policy was established in 1990. This policy was suspended in meeting #104. An interim policy for censure of administrators has been in place since 2001 which is described in the Senate Guidelines for the Evaluation Process of Administrators established during Meeting #97 (Oct. 2000). This interim policy was revisited in Meeting #109 (May 2002), where it has remained. The question is whether it is time to review and revisit the process.

This is an effort to promote a more formal Censure process for Administrators. Sine is presenting this for discussion.

Paul explained that there is a review process for administrators like Deans and Directors in place now. This is not an effort to amend that review process. This is a separate process.

Jak moved to table this to next meeting when Sine can be present to explain her thoughts and rationale for this consideration. Jeff B. seconded the motion. All approved. This discussion tabled to next meeting.

B. Amendment to Program Review Process (that was recently updated)

After discussion about the new changes it was decided to take the language from the last paragraph of section 1 regarding the Faculty Program Review Committee and add it to section 2 regarding the Administrative Program Review Committee. The language to copy says:

“A summary of the recommendation shall be shared with the program under review and the Faculty Senate President, who may request a copy of the full narrative. The Faculty Senate President, in consultation with members of the Faculty Senate Administrative Committee, then has the option to send a response to the Provost within two weeks. The program under review also has the option to send a response to the Provost within two weeks.”

Jak moves to approve the addition of the language in the final paragraph of section 1 to the end of section 2. Jeff B. seconded. All approved.

C. Resolution to ask the BOR to add an ex-officio voting faculty member to BOR

We discussed whether or not this faculty member should be a full member of the BOR with voting rights. Normal Regents serve for 8 years. Jeff B. recommends that this faculty position be voting and serve for 2 years and that it rotates between campuses. To get a full voting member on the BOR it appears to require Legislative action to amend the BOR statutes. Local legislators (Tammy Wilson and Adam Wool) approached with this idea see the logic in it but are not willing to put for the Bill at this time.

Faculty Senate could draft a resolution promoting one of these options and hopefully that would help push this with Legislatures.

Jeff Benowitz is willing to further research this topic and draft a resolution to this effect. We will discuss it further at the next meeting.

D. UAF Faculty Senate’s Motion to Amend FS Bylaws to allow the past president of the Faculty Senate to serve on Faculty Senate as a member of the Administrative Committee.

The rationale is that the past president is a member of the faculty alliance and needs to stay connected with the proceedings of the faculty senate in order to provide meaningful and effective contribution at the faculty alliance level.

Andy commented that this move makes sense to him because the past president is a member of the Administrative Committee and Faculty Alliance, and it is important to have information from Faculty Senate to inform the workings of that Administrative Committee.

We discussed how it is helpful to have some longevity and institutional knowledge to help decisions and discussions of the Faculty Alliance and how allowing the past president to stay connected to the Faculty Senate discussions may be helpful.

Paul clarified that Faculty Alliance has 3 members of FS from each institution (President Elect, Vice President, and Past President).

We discussed adding language that the past president of FS shall not serve on the Faculty Senate as a voting member for the one year period while they are serving on the Faculty Alliance in their role as past president.

Vote – move to approve the Motion for adding the Past President to the Administrative Committee as presented by ADCOM. Jak moved to approve. Jeff B. seconded. All in favor. Paul did not vote.

Vote – move to add language that the past president shall not run for Faculty Senate until the term as past president has ended. Jak moved to approve. Jeff B. seconded. No additional discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be on April 12th. At that meeting we have to figure out who will serve as the person to convene the first FAC meeting of the fall semester.