

Faculty Affairs Committee meeting

April 11, 2018

2:30 to 4:00 in 614E Gruening and by audio conference and web conference

notes by Sine Anahita

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

Andy Anger was excused.

Courtney was able to join us via web conference. Gordon joined us through audio conference. We approved the agenda with the addition of a congratulations to Sine for becoming the next Faculty Senate president-elect. We thanked Gordon Williams for also running, and for his service. We approved the notes from the last meeting.

Old Business

Movement of School of Natural Resources and Extension (SNRE)

We talked about the resolution's reception at the Faculty Senate and the fact that it was tabled. Josh noted that the Provost had stated in Faculty Senate that as a practical issue, it was unlikely that the administration would be able to get the restructure on the BoR agenda. He also reported that a few days after the Faculty Senate meeting, the Provost said the issue may move forward after all. We discussed what "tabled" means, and whether the resolution is still on the Faculty Senate agenda. Jak will ensure that the resolution is on the next Faculty Senate agenda. Jak also noted that AdComm suggested that the resolution be about process for making these kinds of decisions.

Program Review Subcommittee

Gordon reports that the committee has not met since the last FAC meeting, so there is nothing to report.

Blue Book Revisions Editors Committee (BREC)

Sine and Debu reported that the committee is meeting and making progress. We decided that the BREC would bring the final revised draft to FAC once it is ready. Debu noted that the proper procedure would be for the FAC to make the motion to the Faculty Senate to consider the final draft. Debu and Sine wish to continue to serve on the BREC next year, but we hope to finish the work in the Fall.

Faculty 180

New name is AAR subcommittee, raising the possibility that Faculty 180 may be replaced by a different and improved system. Ataur wishes to continue to serve, and noted that President Fallen

had asked for more volunteers. Aatur reports that the committee has not met, and that no one responded to his requests for a meeting.

New Business

Proactive protocol in the case of a faculty member targeted by external groups

FAC agreed to take this on as an issue. Sine summarized some of the problems and referred FAC members to an article by Abby Ferber and another one from NPR that outlined the problems. We brainstormed. Some of the questions: what are other universities doing? What protocol currently exists? Should this be UAF specific or statewide? Who should drive the process? Sine suggested an ombuds office at Statewide, and suggested working with campus police, the administration, faculty, and experts (e.g. Homeland Security program and Justice) to create/adapt a protocol. Mark suggested reaching out to Sean McGee. Next steps: Sine will put together a bibliography for FAC to consider in the Fall.

Fall 2018

Debu is cycling off the FAC. We thanked him for his service. Jeff May is resigning from Faculty Senate and thus the FAC to take a position as a state magistrate. We congratulated Jeff on this appointment.

Notetaker's note:

We accidentally left off an important agenda item: the concern raised by one of our members about witnessing racism and sexism in faculty meetings and classrooms. Let's be sure to get this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next meeting:

May 9, 2:30-4:00 PM in 614E Gruening. We have both audio and web conference (hangout) available.