

Minutes
Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting
February 16, 2010; 3:00 pm
1270 FAB

Present: S. Calkins (Administration liaison), W. Crossland, P. Jarosz, J. Mateika, K. Padmanabhan, R. Parnell.

Absent with notice: A. Acsadi, E. Golebiowska (AAUP-AFT liaison), D. O'Mara (Student Senate liaison), E. Puscheck, M. Sengstock (Policy Committee liaison), R. Yamazaki

Absent: M. Horn, F. Florkowski, S. Putatunda.

Agenda

1. *Call to order*

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

2. *Approval of minutes of 1/26/2010 meeting*

Approved.

3. *Smoking survey report draft*

The Chair noted that the revised draft of the smoking survey is much improved over the first version. Virtually all the changes recommended by the FAC were incorporated in the revised draft. Although the FAC is still not acknowledged as being one of the authors, after conferring with Prof. Woodyard, the Chair thought it best to leave the authorship as is.

The FAC reviewed the revised smoking survey draft, made several corrections, and the Chair agreed to pass on the comments to the authors. The FAC noted that 6.8% of the smokers said they might transfer if a smoke-free campus policy were enacted. This implies that for a population of 33,000 students over 2,200 students may elect not to come. This could mean a loss of \$6.8 million per year to the university in tuition. The FAC also noted that comparing tables 4 and 7, the level of agreement with retaining the current smoking policy is always higher for all categories of respondents, including smokers, than for establishing a smoke-free policy. Furthermore, even for the smokers only 30% disagree in some way with maintaining the current smoking policy. Therefore it seems that there is not even a majority of smokers who disagree with supporting the current smoking policy.

Because there is a presentation on a smoke-free campus by a faculty member scheduled on the February Senate Meeting agenda, the Chair requested the Senate President to put an FAC member on the agenda to summarize the FAC's position on this issue over the past several years.

Prof. Mateika: Do other campuses have a smoke-free campus.

Chair: An FAC member (Prof. Wang) looked into this last winter (2009). Only Washtenaw Community College of the 13 neighboring/comparable campuses has a smoke-free campus policy. U/M Ann Arbor is working on a smoke-free campus policy but has not implemented it yet (Their medical and nursing school campuses are smoke-free).

Prof. Calkins asked what the current WSU smoking policy was, observing that he sees people walking between buildings who are smoking. The Chair thought it was in designated smoking

areas 25 feet from entrances because this was the policy at the School of Medicine. Prof. Jarosz said the policy was no smoking within 25 feet of a building entrance. [The Chair verified that Profs. Calkins and Jarosz are correct, no smoking within 25 feet of a building entrance.]

4. *Joint meeting with FSST regarding Blackboard performance (Wednesday 2/17, 2pm, rm 292, 5925 Woodward – C&IT building)*

Chair: The meeting time and place were confirmed.

5. *Other business*

Prof. Padmanabhan: A representative of the library gave a very useful presentation to the Physics Department on changes in access to books and journals. Could this presentation be made more widely to all faculty, perhaps through a campus-wide forum?

Prof. Calkins volunteered to point out the usefulness of a campus-wide presentation to administrators in library.

Profs. Jarosz and Parnell said they had presentation in their departments/units geared toward finding out what journals were essential to their needs. The library is trying to save money and storage space by eliminating subscriptions to rarely used journals that might be accessed through interlibrary loan or by electronic access.

6. *Next meeting: Tuesday, March 23, 2010; 3:00 pm 1270 FAB*

April meeting date: Tuesday April 27, 2010, 3 pm in 1270 [This is a study day]. There was a preliminary discussion of whether a May meeting would be needed, perhaps to review data on the Faculty Tab in Pipeline.

7. *Adjourn*

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm