

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Faculty Affairs Committee met at 3 pm on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in 1270 FAB.

The following members were present: N. Datta, J. Mateika, R. Parnell, M. Sengstock; Liaisons: S. Calkins.

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm by Chair, Mary Cay Sengstock. Minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2011, were approved as circulated.

The Chair indicated that this was a meeting in which to conclude the committee's business for 2010-2011. She reported on the three most recent issues.

Student Ethics Issue: At its March 22, 2011, meeting the committee developed a set of responses to the document, "Wayne State University Guidelines for Creating Faculty-Student Compacts." This statement on student ethics had been developed by the Graduate Council and former Graduate Dean, Mark Wardell, in response to a problem which had arisen in the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences. FAC's response had been developed as a result of discussion at that meeting, and the draft had been circulated for members' comments. The Chair asked for approval of the draft, such that it could be submitted to the Policy Committee for transmission to the administration. Agreed.

Transfer of Computer Science Department to College of Engineering: Over the last several meetings, the committee developed a set of recommendations concerning the possible transfer of the Computer Science Department to the College of Engineering. The Chair reported on the joint report of the four committees working on the issue, and the report which had been submitted to the Academic Senate at its April, 2011, meeting. The recommendation had been accepted by the Senate and will now go to the administration.

Retention Implementation Task Force Final Report: At its last meeting, the committee had made comments concerning the Retention Task Force Final Report and a draft had been circulated. The Chair asked if there were further comments. There were none. She asked for final approval to transmit to the Policy Committee for transmission to the administration. Agreed.

Faculty Affairs Committee Final Report: The Chair presented a list of items which would be included in the committee's Final Report to the Academic Senate for the 2010-2011 academic year. The list included: student ethics issue; transfer of the Computer Science Department; retention implementation report; mentoring survey; concerns raised regarding the departmental review committee process; a question raised concerning appropriate standards for promotion for clinical tenure track faculty; and concerns raised by the loss of books in the library. The chair asked if there were other issues to include, or suggestions concerning the details to be included. There were none. The final report will be developed and circulated for member comments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

As approved by the Faculty Affairs Committee