

Faculty Affairs Committee
Academic Senate

Minutes 10/9/13

Present - Abhijit Biswas, Poonam Arya, Elizabeth Puscheck, Brad Roth, Ellen Tisdale, Deborah Walker, Linda Beale, John Vander Weg

Absent with notice - Mary Sengstock, Derek Wildman

Absent - Renee Hoogland, Lobelia Samavati, Beena Sood

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. The members introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.
3. Minutes of the meeting from 4/9/13 were approved with minor corrections (i.e., changed “discussion” to “discussions” on line 21).
4. Members asked about the May 7, 2013 report and whether there is a student member on the FAC committee. Chair will contact the Senate office for the above information requests.
5. The committee discussed the FAC agenda for 2013-2014 and decided to pursue the following issues in the order below:

FOIA requests for faculty emails: The Chair will contact the General Counsel Lou Lessem and request for a meeting either on November 26, 2013 or December 11, 2013, or any day in between these two prescheduled meeting dates.

Status of 2N Online Education Committee. The Chair will contact Jim Mazoue and Mathew L. Ouellett (copy to Ahmad Ezzeddine and Charlie Parish) for a presentation on December 11, 2013.

Tenure factors: John Vander Weg will look into this issue and report back to the committee during the December 11, 2013 meeting.

Faculty mentoring: Chair will write to Mary Sengstock and Angela Wisniewski about the faculty mentoring survey. John Vander Weg will contact Kelley Skillin about any report regarding the faculty mentoring survey. Elizabeth Puscheck revisited these issues while discussing “Old Business”.

Retirement presentation: The committee will contact TIAA and Fidelity representatives for presentation toward the end of the Winter semester. Members of the committee will try to recruit a few retired faculties to share their retirement planning experiences with the committee.

6. Ellen Tisdale asked about “different” retirement packages for medical school faculty.
7. Poonam Arya raised the issue of “white paper” (issue of faculty governance) which was presented by the Policy Committee.
8. Peer evaluation of teaching (PET) was discussed. John Vander Weg noted that every unit needs to develop its own policies and plans for PET. He also noted that Matt Ouellett has put together a report on what other institutions have done on PET. Finally, John Vander Weg noted that the PET policies must be faculty driven. However, the policies will be reviewed by the office of the Associate Provost for Academic Personnel.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abhijit Biswas
Chair