

Faculty Affairs Committee
October 9, 2014 (Revised)

Present: Abhijit Biswas, Heather Dillaway, John Vander Weg

Absent: Elizabeth Puscheck, Ellen Tisdale

Absent with notice: Poonam Arya, Andrew Fribley, Zhengqing Hu, Deborah Walker, renee hoogland, Linda Beale

There was no quorum when the meeting started at 1:00

Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2014 meeting: Postponed for next meeting

Since there was no quorum, the attendees discussed the following issues:

1. Status of 2N Online Education Committee (Contacts Ahmad Ezzeddine, Matt Ouellett)

Biswas to contact Matt Ouellett to get an update on the status of this committee. (Done: October 13, 2014)

2. Faculty Mentoring (Contact: Margaret Winters, Kelley Skillin). We still need to get a report on the implementation of the faculty mentoring initiative. Assessment of what is being done and future plans. Survey of Dept. Chairs?

John Vander Weg and Margaret Winters will develop a survey to obtain information regarding faculty mentoring.

3. Retirement presentation (contact TIAA, Fidelity reps., WSU benefits office) <<We did this about 4 years ago, probably time to do it again. We had some retired faculty come in and share experiences, planning.

Biswas will write to Brett Green (for the third time) with a copy to Vander Weg. (Done: October 13, 2014)

4. Tenure Factors (contact Joe Rankin, Margaret Winters): The contract requires that each unit (department and colleges) must have appropriate tenure factors. Many departments do not have these (especially in the medical school) and in others these are not accurate. Which departments do not have tenure factors and which departments have not posted these on web page?

Contacts are: John Vander Weg and Margaret Winters.

Vander Weg will conduct a survey of the records of School/Department factors in the Provost's office.

5. Peer evaluation of Teaching (Contact Joe Rankin, Margaret Winters). Review the report from the committee. Make recommendations for changes if needed.

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Margaret Winters will report to the Policy Committee soon. The 2N Committee has crafted a report with suggested guidelines for Peer Evaluation of Teaching. The members of the 2N Committee are: Rita Casey (Psyc), Bob Arking (Bio Sc./ AAUP), Gwen Gorzelsky (Eng), Joe Hummer (Engg), Matt Ouellett (Convener), John Vander Weg (Ex Officio).

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25

Respectfully submitted,

Abhijit Biswas
Chair