

Faculty Affairs Committee minutes
March 4, 2015
AMENDED MINUTES

Members Present: Secretary James Murray, Chair Liz Ginno, David Fencsik, James Ahiakpor, Linda Dobb, Michael Moon, Helen Zong
Guests: Sophie Rollins, Mark Robinson, Eileen Barrett
Absent: Linda Smetana, Nidhi Mahendra, Linda Ivey

Called to order 2:05pm

1. Approval of the Agenda
MSP Fencsik / Ahiakpor
2. Approval of Minutes from Feb 18, 2015
Fix Fencsik spelling, fixed James Ahiakpor absent, removed Jason Singley was not present.

MSP Murray/ Fencsik, 1 abstention

3. Reports

3a. Report of the Chair. One document went forward from Excomm to Senate. FAC invited to Concord campus 5-6-15, as they are especially interested in the academic calendar and wish to consult with FAC. President Morishita will also be present, and those who cannot attend locally can phone in.

3b. Presidential Appointee Linda Dobb. No report.

3c. Calendar Subcommittee of the FAC. Michael Moon reporting. Eileen Barrett is developing a communication plan and created a working group for Q&A about conversion and the new semester calendar. Next meeting of Semester Conversion Steering Committee is Friday 12-2p, in UU102. Michael will bring questions from Steering Committee committee members to FAC. The Steering Committee is having a Q&A for faculty, students and staff independently. The Calendar subcommittee is meeting with Glen Perry, and others to discuss time modules. Calendar subcommittee is considering student advising, and student co-curricular activities, as well as meetings with administration, IT, and faculty development office, but has not yet formalized meetings. The Senate approved the Pledge to Students to help educate students about the effects of conversion. The Steering Committee also has a framework document with a conversion schedule. Michael has created 2 different proposed calendars for feedback. He is meeting with chairs of accredited programs and with university extension, and also soliciting feedback from students, staff, and all faculty on pros and cons of the prototype calendars. The Calendar subcommittee plans to present to FAC by April 15, and then on to Excomm.

4. Information Items

4a. FAC9 developed for soliciting assigned time for exceptional service to students discussed at Excomm and Excomm approved changes that FAC made.

5. Old business.

5a. 13-14 FAC 14 was separated into 3 new documents

5ai. 14-15 FAC5 is one such document, on Inclusion of the Administrative Review of the University Diversity Officer; MSP Fencsik/Moon, 1 abstention

5aaii. 14-15 FAC10 Inclusion of Administrative Review of the Director of Sustainability under UARC Review;

Linda Dobb suggests that this position is not a senior manager because her budget is small and she does not directly affect academic programs so we should not review. Zong argues that director would affect academic programs. Discussion that this director would also help address ILOs. Ginno explained that the director said she would work with faculty so we should review her.

MSP Murray/Fencsik. 6 yes, 1 vote no.

5aiiii. 14-15 FAC6. Request for Reconsideration of Academic Senate document 12-13 FAC 13, amended; MS David/James, no vote

There was discussion of why this document is coming back again. Ginno says was referred back to FAC from Excomm to add more explicit language. David suggests we re-create 12-13 FAC 13 so as to ask administration to ask us for a waiver of formal search. Discussion ensued about whether a formal waiver policy is a good idea or should we keep policy that precludes it. Discussion of Concord campus Director that was made without an external search. Dobb suggests she do research on other policies that may be relevant. Vote was delayed.

5b. 14-15 FAC3- proposed policy on adding courses exempted from evaluations

Discussion of what types of courses should not be evaluated. Question about what the intent of the referral was from Excomm was clarified by minutes of previous Excomm meeting. We plan to delete a table in the document, and the phrase starting with 'such as', then add the list of kinds of courses, with explanation that department chair must decide which of those categories will be evaluated, or specific courses within a category that would not be evaluated.

MSP, Murray/Ahiakpor, pass unanimous

5c. Membership on FAC awards subcommittee

Denise Lee is on subcommittee from COS but need one from CEAS. James will find someone by March 27.

6. New business

6a. Memo on Univ. Tenure & Promotion Committee that designates the number of faculty assigned to the committee in proportion to the number of faculty in each college.

6ai. Since CLASS has the most faculty, they receive the 5th member in addition to the 4 from each college; MSP Murray/Moon, passed unanimous.

6aii. Draft.

Discussion of existing policy and question of whether COS might sometimes get 2 instead of CLASS.

6b. Intellectual Property

Linda Dobb provided hard copy of existing document and made notes so we can discuss it next time.

7. Adjournment, moved 3:46p

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Murray, Secretary of FAC (Winter 2015)