

Faculty Affairs Committee
March 31, 2010
9:30am – 10:20 am

Minutes

Present: Kelly Dempsey, Markus Pomper, Hitesh Kathuria, Greg Weber

Absent: Marilyn Watkins, Denise Bullock.

The committee considered the comments from Schools on the proposed EVCAA review policy and agreed to several editorial changes; to widening the eligible faculty to include persons with long-term contract; and to exclude the EVCAA from being present when the final report is provided to faculty senate in an executive session. The committee rejected including the long title “Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs” at every occurrence and instead will keep the abbreviated title “Vice Chancellor”. The committee noted that the long title is used once and is then defined as “Vice Chancellor” in a parenthetical remark.

The committee considered the proposed Executive Review for promotion and tenure cases (President’s memo of December 8, 2008). It was agreed to draft a report, which will be presented to the faculty senate as an informational item. The report will also be sent to the UFC agenda committee. The draft report will include the following opinions:

1. FAC is uncomfortable with the proposed process of executive review.
2. The committee believes that the review process cannot (and should not) be changed unilaterally without faculty action.
3. The executive review process eliminates one level of review, thus providing significant risk for faculty who choose to apply for tenure early.
4. The committee is disturbed about the lack of transparency in reaching the final decision.

Markus will draft a report for review during the next meeting.

The committee adjourned at 10:20 am.