

Minutes
FAC 3/11/2008

Present: Laverne Nishihara (Chair), TJ Rivard, Mary Fell, Denise Bullock, Emily Winburn, Sherry Rankin, David Frantz (ex-officio)
On sabbatical : Mort Seddighin

Minutes approved as revised

Laverne reported on deans' responsibilities document: the course load was not realistic for HSS and possibly not realistic for other schools. Larry Richards has responded that this course load will be flexible because some of the deans will be able to take on the courses and others will not.

P&T guidelines are currently in discussion at UFC and a subcommittee has been established. They should report by the end of the calendar year.

New charge to the committee is to create of current list of all of the academic ranks and their corresponding credentials.

Discussion:

Chancellor Paydar asked FAC to discuss creating an instrument for the annual evaluation of the Chancellor.

Laverne suggested that he could create his own ad-hoc committee instead. In this case this would be a one year evaluation for his own use.

Mary agrees that FAC does not need additional tasks.

Possibly ask him to create an ad-hoc committee or create the instrument himself and ask the committee to review the instrument.

Reasoning behind this is he is not a permanent chancellor and we do not need to expand FAC's annual charges.

The committee prefers the use of an ad-hoc committee to create the instrument for the evaluation.

P&T committee term limits:

Mort brought his thoughts to the committee that he wanted everyone to have an opportunity to serve on this committee. He suggested that the members at least sit out for a year like the board of review.

Having term limits would help prevent having term a small group over-represented in service.

Many committee members responded with:

A negative side to the change would be we need to have continuity in service and faculty members already vote on membership.

Denise stated that it is an important job that is different than Faculty Board of Review. People already vote with certain attention to membership because of the charge of the committee.

Also there are concerns about having enough full and associate professors to serve. Having repeat membership should be seen as having confidence in the faculty.

David Frantz made a motion not to entertain this topic at the present time.

Denise Bullock seconded the motion.

All members voted that the topic not be reviewed at the present time.

Changes to the bylaws page 17.

General changes to the wording were agreed upon.

Section 7

Topic of academic policy.

Should the academic handbook be updated by the senate president? How was this handled in the past? It was agreed that Markus should come to one of our meetings and let us know what his thoughts are on this matter.