

Faculty Policies Minutes---October 15, 2007

Attending: Jim Benedict, Rob Bledsoe, Tom Colbert, Tom Crute, Charles Jackson, Wayne Mixon, Stephanie Myers, Carol Rychly, Jana Sandarg, Robert Smalley, Debbie van Tuyl, Steve Weiss.

Minutes of the October 8 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

University Council liked the idea of having a “special topic” at each faculty meeting. Kathy Hamrick has been put on the agenda for the October meeting with a construction update.

It came up at the meeting that Study Abroad does not have any oversight for its programs before the Academic Policies Committee. FPC was asked to review the procedure for that program and others like it.

A note from Andy Hauger asked the committee to address how Student Activities funds were allocated. It was determined that FPC only recommends members to that committee, but has no authority over how it spends its funds. Therefore the committee declined to consider the issue.

A draft of a student disciplinary policy was distributed. This document was requested by the president since the current code includes inappropriate items and lacks coherence. The idea is to produce a document that can exist as a stand-alone brochure or be incorporated into appropriate documents such as the student handbook. The code of conduct from the student handbook was used as the starting place for the document. The section on academic honesty was taken primarily from the catalog. Some modifications of the document were done during the meeting, but overall it seemed to be nearly done. The committee agreed to take the week to look over the document, forward any typographical corrections to Crute and bring any majors issues to the committee at the next meeting. If the document is approved at that meeting, it will be forwarded to the President, who requested it initially. He can determine what he wants to do with it.

Two Cullum proposals were presented, one including an academic class and one without. Strong arguments for tying it to a class were offered. Benedict, Weiss and van Tuyl agreed to merge the two documents into one and present it next week.

Crute will bring treats next week.