

## **Faculty Policies Minutes---November 19, 2007**

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

Dr. Jones was present to discuss the state of the Student Government Constitution. The current one is very general with lots of by-laws that are changed with each administration. This has caused problems with elections, committee assignments, qualifications for officers/representatives. Therefore, Dr. Jones asked the Student Government Association (SGA) to review the document, however, after two years they have proposed a new version, but it is still under review. In addition, she asked several faculty members to review the document. They did come up with some recommendations. Thus, three versions are circulating. With the yearly changes in SGA leadership, the production of a new constitution, if left to them seems unlikely. According to the faculty manual, the faculty must approve the SGA Constitution. Therefore, Dr. Jones asked our advice. The committee decided to recommend that Dr. Bloodworth appoint an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Dean Jones, 2 faculty with some expertise in constitutions, and 1 student from each college. The students should represent the diversity of our student body in age, graduate/undergraduate, etc. Some possible faculty and students were suggested. This committee would produce a constitution that could be reviewed by FPC for consistency with campus policies and ratified by the students in their spring elections and by the faculty at a faculty meeting.

The minutes of the November 5 meeting were approved.

Rychly gave a report on her conference on faculty governance. The meeting was attended only by comparable schools (i.e., no 2-year or research universities). Of these schools, we are the only ones who govern as a "committee of the whole." The other schools are governed by Faculty Senates. In comparison, our school seem less confrontational than others. One suggestion arising from the meeting was that FPC consider the evaluation calendar. (When annual reports are due, what they cover, etc.). The committee agreed that this was an area that needed work.

The Vice-President of Academic Affairs was reminded to be searching for money to support a Cullum-like program.

Academic Polices is still working on a reporting structure for curricular recommendations that do not come through academic departments.

AAUP requested that last year's workload survey be posted on the web. FPC thought it was most appropriate if it was posted on FPC's website. Myers agreed to find a copy, send one to the committee and post it by January.

The Committee on Committee Structure reported that, for most committees, the charges needed a lot of work. There were a few in reasonable shape, one example being the post-tenure review committees. Myers will send the charges of the post-tenure review committees to FPC via email for an electronic approval. If approved unanimously, it will not need to be discussed at a meeting. If not, it will be discussed at a meeting.

The Faculty Research Faculty Development Committee is reviewing our revised description. Upcoming meetings will be November 26, December 3, January 14 and January 28. After that, weekly Monday afternoon meeting will resume.

Sandarg will bring snacks next week.