

Faculty Policies Minutes--- November 26, 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.

Due to the 2-day week last week, minutes were not completed.

Ray Whiting will be speaking on SACS accreditation at tomorrow's faculty meeting. The description for Academic Policies and Faculty Research and Faculty Development are being reviewed by their respective committees.

The President received our recommendation for a workgroup on the SGA Constitution. He decided not to put Dr. Jones on the committee, but instead have the committee report to her. The Constitution, as revised by this workgroup, will be given to Dr. Jones. She will give it to FPC to review and then to the students to ratify and then to the faculty to ratify. The president is working on forming this workgroup.

Upcoming issues for FPC: faculty elections, committee assignments, looking at workload survey for appropriate actions, evaluation calendar (faculty and administration), other issues as they arise.

There was substantial discussion about course evaluations, arising from the question, "Should they be done on-line?" There was no consensus on that question, but the committee determined that a bigger problem was the use of these surveys as a measure of teaching quality. For some departments, they are the sole measure of teaching effectiveness, but are only of limited use for that purpose. Several ideas for additional ways to document/evaluate teaching were proposed. FPC members were asked to consider this issue for further discussion at the next meeting.

Colbert will bring snacks next week. Benedict will bring snacks for the January 14 meeting.

Mixon was present despite his obvious illness and made every effort not to infect the rest of us.