

Faculty Policies Minutes---October 8, 2007

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

The deans requested that the promotion and tenure section of the Faculty manual be clarified. Pres. and VPAA agree that it should be. There was a brief discussion about problems that need to be addressed and whether these were problems with the faculty manual or just campus myths? Some specific contradictions do exist and there are some problems specific to some departments. Benedict and Smalley agreed to work on the document. They await guidance from Rychly.

Luncheon went well. Suggestions include improvements in audio, particularly passing a hand-held mike to each of the mentors so that introductions could be heard throughout the room. The length and content of the introductions were appropriate. The vegetable dish was uninspiring. The president suggested a less formal follow-up gathering for the same group at the end of the year.

Rychly suggested that FPC request a topic-of-current-interest be addressed at each faculty meeting to make such meetings more interesting and useful. The committee liked the idea and suggested various topics. These included: Cullum, master planning/ construction update, emergency planning issues like fire drills, and retirement inequities.

FRFD document was reviewed again. Typographical corrections were made and the document was sent to the FRFD committee.

Cullum was discussed again. Benedict thought that it would be best as an actual (2900) class with a mix of outside speakers, where the speaker's talks are open to the general public, and a classroom with a single teacher. There were also some arguments for a non-classroom-based series. Benedict will write a proposal for a class-based series. Weiss will write up the nonclass proposal. For Cullum to be revived soon, decisions must be made sooner.

The committee revising the various disciplinary codes for civility, academic honesty and criminal behavior has been working on a draft, which they intend to bring to the committee next week. The final document will need to be reviewed by Joyce Jones. The ultimate intention is to have the same document in both the faculty manual and the student handbook.

A Banner program to help the Committee on Committees make committee assignments next year has been assigned to a student and is now in development.

AAUP is looking at making sabbaticals possible at ASU.

The Committee survey work is progressing.

Bledsoe will bring treats next week.