

Faculty Policies Minutes--- February 11, 2008

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.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as amended.

Report from the meeting with the Vice-President of Academic Affairs and the President: They were reminded about actions that needed to be taken for the return of the Cullum program. The committee was reminded about the changes coming to the core curriculum. Wally Evans, ASU's representative to the state committee working on these changes, will speak on these at the next Faculty meeting. Associate VP Dodd is revisiting the grievance policy proposed by FPC last year. He has two new people looking at it, trying to mesh it with similar policies for staff and students and other appeal processes. The revised document will need to be approved by FPC and then the faculty as a whole.

The subcommittee on committee structure moved to approve the charges of many of the standing committees as currently written in the faculty manual. The following committees had their charges unanimously approved by the whole committee: all post-tenure review committees, Arts and Science Curriculum Committee, Business Curriculum Committees (both graduate and undergraduate), Teacher Education Council Curriculum Committee and Exceptions Committee, Faculty Research and Faculty Development Committee (the version approved at the last faculty meeting), Library Committee, Lyceum Committee, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Sexual Harassment Committee, and University Ceremonies.

New subcommittees will need to be formed for those committees whose charges need work. The original subcommittee will begin looking at permanent committees next.

Report from Benedict on the Student Honors and Awards Committee: At the moment, this committee's charge includes recommending policies regarding honor and professional societies. The committee does not feel this should be part of their charge. The question then becomes: Who then charters non-student or mixed faculty-student organizations? FPC agreed that the student honors and award committee should not be in charge of that, but someone should. Rychly will bring this up at the next meeting with the president. Based on this, FPC further revised the charge for this committee, agreed that its name should be changed to the Student Honors Convocation Committee and sent the revision back to the committee for their approval.

Committee members reported on their review of section 520 of the faculty manual. It was agreed that this section of the manual needs substantial revision. A subcommittee of Rychly, Jackson, Bledsoe and van Tuyll will begin to work on it.

Weiss will bring snacks next week.