

Faculty Policies Minutes--- April 14, 2008

Attending: Jim Benedict, Rob Bledsoe, Tom Colbert, Tom Crute, Charles Jackson, Wayne Mixon, Stephanie Myers, Carol Rychly, Robert Smalley, Debbie van Tuyll.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

The Ballot for the election is ready to go. Vote counters will be needed in the Library at 3 pm. Information for % voted by department will also be needed.

For the April 15 faculty meeting: The workload documents do not completely agree. The "As It Would Appear" version was determined to be the correct version. There was still some worry from faculty that this would require graduate students to have final exams in their classes.

Rychly was asked to remind the VPAA that this meeting was scheduled during priority registration and that, in the future, he may want to avoid scheduling faculty meetings during that week.

The VPAA evaluation will be distributed soon. There might be an evaluation of all administrators. Cullum is "in the works."

The committee selected Jeff Heck to continue as faculty secretary by acclamation. In gratitude for his previous work, he will be invited to pizza at the next meeting of FPC.

Dean Jones was concerned that our document on Expected Student Behavior had too many items that were unenforceable. She suggested that we separate the "rules" from the "suggestions." The committee recalled that this document was a charge from the president as a set of expectations that could be given to incoming students (many of whom are the first in their family to attend college). Thus, it was intended as an instructional document, not a punitive one. After much discussion, the committee decided to suggest that Dr. Jones reevaluate the document in light of this purpose and then next year's committee could work with her to produce a separate document to replace the "Code of Conduct" in the student handbook that would be more appropriate as an enforceable document that would be consistent with this instructional document and the grievance procedure policy that is also in progress.

The program to help the committee on committees with assignments is not yet finished. However, Benedict is confident that there will be something in place by the time it is needed.

The committee on the SGA constitution did not meet its deadline of finishing before the student elections. It is about 80% done; however, some of the remaining details are quite complex.

The form for end-of-the-year reports was sent to all committee chairs. The report was asked to be completed by finals. Chairs were reminded of where they needed to send these reports and Rychly offered to do the distribution if requested. The form was sent as a Word document. If this document works out well, we will request ITS make it a pdf and add it to our list of forms.

With the new and continuing responsibilities of the FPC chair, the committee recommended that the chair be given a course release each semester instead of only one for the year.

The next meeting will be on April 28 as a combined committee of the old and new FPC members. Benedict will bring pizza, and Jackson will bring colas.

