

## Faculty Policies Minutes—14 January 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 were approved as amended.

Report from the meeting with the President and Vice President of Academic Affairs: The VPAA asked us to start the process of setting up a Cullum Committee this year. He promises to find the money to fund it. This means that a call for proposals should go out from FPC and the coordinator of the program (who has not yet been assigned). Rychly was asked to remind the VPAA of this, the timetable for developing the program and that the program needs a new name.

The committee was reminded of an unusual responsibility of the FPC chair. If a student is denied admission for a nonacademic reason, the FPC Chair is a member of the appeals committee. The committee wondered what the appeals process was for graduate programs, since admission standards in those programs are generally more subjective. This may be an issue for the Graduate Council.

The committee working on the Student Government Constitution has not yet met. Dean Jones, van Tuyll and Benedict are all members of this committee.

The chair of the Intellectual Properties Committee, Jennifer Onofrio, has resigned because of other commitments. FPC was asked to approve Graham Connelly as the chair. However, the committee declined to do so, citing that the committee should elect its own chair. FPC was also asked to suggest a replacement committee member. It was recommended that this person be someone in the artistic community for broad representation on the committee such as Doug Joiner or Rick Davis.

FPC was asked to formulate an attendance policy that is in keeping with Title IV requirements. Smalley and Benedict agreed to serve with Rychly on this subcommittee.

FPC would like to submit our FRFD proposal for the next faculty meeting. However, that committee has not approved it. The only feedback from the committee was that the proposal seems too much like micromanaging. New committee members were reminded that FPC was generating this proposal in response to several specific issues including directives of the VPAA. Weiss agreed to let the FRFD committee know the issues being addressed and ask for a specific vote this week. If the FRFD committee agrees, the issue will be on the agenda for the Jan 29 Faculty meeting.

There are problems with the clarity of the policy on final exam scheduling. There was confusion within the committee on the policy of when the last test (which is not the final exam) can be given. There are also reports that final exams are being given the last day of class. FPC would like the policy clarified.

There is also a need to clarify the policy on student evaluations including: frequency, who is allowed to administer them and if there are other ways to evaluate teaching.

The Student Honors and Awards Committee is still working on clarification of its charge. The subcommittee on Committee Structure will meet before the next FPC meeting and give a report then.

Upcoming issues for FPC:

Elections for FPC and University council are coming up,

The committee on committees must start gathering information soon. Neil Wagner and a student are working on a program that should make the process easier.

Last year's workload study needs to be addressed. MCG in Athens has a different system for evaluating workload that may be worth taking a look at.

Van Tuyl will bring treats to the next meeting, January 28.