

Faculty Policies Minutes--- February 18, 2008

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.

Minutes of February 11 meeting were approved.

Report from meeting with President and Vice-President of Academic Affairs(VPAA): The VPAA will be evaluated every year until further notice. Neither thought that non-student organizations needed to be chartered or that a system for doing so was worth developing. The VPAA was reminded to take action on the revised Cullum program.

The Student Honors and Awards Committee unanimously approved our most recent revision of their responsibilities. FPC also gave unanimous approval. Rychly will bring the revision to University Council on Thursday. She will try to get it on the agenda for the next faculty meeting, but since it is after the deadline for that meeting, it may have to wait until the March meeting.

The Student Government has asked for pass/fail midterm grades. There was substantial discussion about this on the committee. Issues included: Why is the feedback already given insufficient? Is pass/fail enough information when some courses require a C to progress to the next? If a substantial portion of the grade occurs after midterm, is a midterm representative? Would a midterm grade be good information? Considering dropped grades and other weighting, calculation of these grades might be difficult. The Committee agreed to ask a representative from SGA to attend the next meeting to explain the reason for the request and be more specific about the information desired by the students.

Sandarg reported that the term "Campus International Coordinator" not longer existed. Therefore, the membership of the International Affairs Committee needed to be changed. FPC agreed to change it to the "Campus representative to the University System Council on International Affairs" to reflect the actual office. Rychly will ask the faculty secretary whether this constitutes an editorial or substantive change to the faculty manual.

The review of Section 500 and 520 of the faculty manual continued. In light of the SGA request, the subcommittee was asked to pay particular attention to the part about giving feedback to students before midterm.

Crute will bring snacks next week.