

Faculty Policies Minutes--- March 31, 2008

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

Minutes were approved with typographical corrections.

The status of the upcoming faculty elections was discussed. During examination of the sample ballot, a question about the voting status of Cree-Walker Chairs was raised. The ballot was inconsistent on who was and was not included. It is a five-year fixed term position that may be renewed. It also may be in the contract that they do not have to serve on committees. After substantial discussion, FPC decided that Cree-Walker Chairs would not normally be included on the ballot. However, if the person holding the position was already a member of the faculty (e.g., Paulette Harris) an exception could be made. Cree-Walker chairs would have voting rights.

Bledsoe will electronically distribute the primary ballot by 8 am Tuesday, April 1, 2008 and the general ballot by 8 am Tuesday April 15, 2008.

Crute developed an outline of questions to ask candidates who have been nominated in the primary election. After some editing, it was agreed that this would be a useful document.

Rychly requested that anyone who was available at 3 pm on Wednesday meet at the library to help count ballots.

Rychly proposed a form for committees to use when submitting their final report for the year. The committee decided to request the completed forms be returned by April 30.

Crute talked to Justin about deploying the committee preferences form. The committee decided to start collecting preferences immediately and allow people to continue until April 30.

The committee's suggestions for improvements in the grievance policy were given to Dr. Dodd.

Benedict reported that the program to help assign committees was minimally functional. There were a few small improvements to be made before it is tested with this year's subcommittee on committees. He volunteered to help the subcommittee use the program by serving *ex-officio* on the subcommittee.