Faculty Senate Governance Council

Minutes - Thursday, October 17, 2019

CTO: 4:07 p.m.

Present: Brett Sponsellor (Chair and Vet Med); Ajay Nair (CALS); Jon Perkins (Bus); Andrea Quam (Des); Sarah Bennett-George (HSC); Natalie Royston (LAS); Carol Favor (CC Chair); Denise Vrchota (Doc Comm Chair); Awoke Dollisso (CDDR Chair); Tim McNicholl (AAUP)

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: April 4 – Approved (Awoke, Tim); September 26 – Approved (Awoke, Tim)

Committee Reports

CommComm (Carol): CommComm has not met. The TAC needs another member.

DocComm (Denise): No report

CDDR Comm (Awoke): The FS website now has links posted for department governance documents. All links have been tested and are live. (FacSen>>>Gov Council>>>CDDR>>>document link)

Unfinished Business

a. Aligning Faculty Handbook Ch 8 with the Policy Library: No action taken. Issues raised during discussion were:
   - As policies evolve will it be possible to keep up with changes (if policies reside in Policy Library)?
   - Do PLAC policies address faculty needs?
   - Is it even acceptable to move current content of Ch 8 to Policy Library?
   - What is the harm of redundancy (posting policies in both locations)? Response: Having two sets of policies may cause problems during appeals.
   - Is the Policy Library sufficiently global to cover everything in the Handbook?
   - Which approach best meets faculty needs (redundancy, links, Ch 8 moved to Policy Library, etc.)?
   - Who serves on the PLAC? What is its mission? (Carol & Brett serve. Carol explained composition and charge of PLAC)
   - Handbook takes precedence when timing/deadlines are guaranteed for due process.

Brett will randomly assign council members to check content of Handbook Chapter 8 against the Policy Library to check for consistency, differences, etc. The decision was accepted via acclamation.

Carol and Jon volunteered to review all of Ch 8 and corresponding sections of the Policy Library to determine if policies are redundant and to identify potential concerns for faculty if a policy is not in the Handbook.

b. FH language addressing changes in evaluation of teaching. The Governance Council is charged with developing policy guidelines for department minimum requirements when implementing teaching evaluation policies. No action was taken. Issues raised during discussion were:
• We can’t be too detailed.
• The resulting product should be about evaluation and mentoring.
• Do we need to understand rubric issues or do we write policy about what rubrics should contain?

c. Committee on Committees vs. Representative Committee: The same members serve on both committees. Do we need to restructure for one committee? Are both needed? Other thoughts? No action.

d. 19-4 By-law change for Committee on University Services, Operations, and Finance. Issue moved to RPA Council.

New Business

No new business.

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ADJ: 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Vrchota

Recorder pro tempore