

Draft Minutes
Faculty Senate Governance Council
107 Lab of Mechanics
Friday, October 14th, 10-11am

Present: Dawn Bratsch-Prince, Dave Cantor, Veronica Dark, Kathleen Delate, Carol Faber, Jack Girton, Brett Sponseller (chair)

1. The meeting was called to order shortly after 11.
2. Veronica volunteered to serve as secretary for the day.
3. A new item regarding whether ISU needs “minimum standards for hire” was added to the new business.
4. The minutes for the last meeting (9/30/16) were not yet available. Chris Williams, who served as secretary for that meeting, is out of the country at the moment. They will be distributed for approval at our next meeting.
5. Reports from committees
 - a. Committee on Committees: Tim Day was not present to report, but it was noted that he had said that all committee assignments had been filled
 - b. Senate Documents Committee: Veronica noted that the committee has not met, but based on the comments last time, they do need to meet prior to the January update to consider changes reflecting the new organization resulting from Warren Madden’s retirement.
 - c. College and Departmental Document Review Committee: Jeffrey Kushkowski was not present. The question was raised about whether this committee is meeting regularly and how thorough the vetting of documents is. There is supposed to be a continuing review cycle. Brett noted that there is a rubric/checklist that chairs are supposed to complete. This prompted a general discussion acknowledging the committee’s importance but questioning whether procedures were in place giving it the “power” to correct problems when they are identified. This seems like a job beyond a single committee. What is on the checklist/rubric? Do chairs say they will make changes and then not follow through? What is the role of the senator for a department? Should the senator also be notified of needed changes? What about the organization and links on the Senate webpage that is supposed to make access to governance documents easy? Are they up to date and easy to find? There appeared to be consensus that the council needs to spend a bit more time on these questions.
6. Unfinished Business

None
7. New Business
 - a. Review and update the Faculty Handbook in regards to intellectual property - Some senators have expressed concern about students’ selling their class note online because the faculty own the content of their lectures. There was discussion of the legal status of this. The suggestion was made to invite a student representative to future discussions. Dave cautioned that we need to be careful to not take actions that appear to be anti-entrepreneurial. Another

suggestion was that the council invite Mike Norton, the new university counsel, to have a conversation with us.

Dawn brought up a related issue—technology transfer (TT) is discussed under intellectual property in the handbook. How should it be treated in terms of Promotion & Tenure decisions? This engendered quite a bit of discussion. Kathleen pointed out that TT is part of extension. Carol noted that TT is in chapter 8 of the handbook. We should ask Mike Norton if there are problems with our wording and ask about any cases that may have established legal precedent.

Brett said that he will get the IP wording from the handbook and distribute to the council.

- b. Minimum standards for hire - The provost office would like discussion of whether there should be an explicit statement of minimum standards for hire (i.e., minimum terminal degrees) for TE and NTE faculty. Institutionally, it is the master's, but cases have been made for hiring a bachelor's degree with 15 years in the field. The Higher Learning Commission wants to know our standards and the policy governing exceptions. This must be in place by 2019 for the HLC review. Dawn will distribute a document put together by the provost's office to establish a policy for substituting experience for educational degrees.
- c. Planning of topics we want to take on this year – the council agreed that we had already decided to discuss several issues.

8. The meeting adjourned at 11.

Next meeting is Friday, November 11th, 10-11 am, 107 LOM

Notes prepared by Veronica Dark (10 Nov 2016)