



FACULTY POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING: October 12, 2006

PRESENT: S. Atwater, G. Beer, L. Bermudez, S. Cash, A. Gopalakrishnan, P. LaPolt, S. McGuire, K. Ryan, S. Ulanoff (Chair), M. Wild

EXCUSED: P. Vuckovich

1. Announcements

S. Cash announced the dedication and the unveiling of Ruben Salazar's portrait in Salazar Hall.

2. Intent to Raise Questions

P. LaPolt asked the following questions: It is my understanding that all university expenditures above \$500, in addition to all personnel requests and reclassifications, must be reviewed and approved by the Provost's office. As a result, it has become very difficult to obtain supplies and equipment in a timely manner, often taking several months from submission of a purchase requisition to receipt of such goods. This has resulted in instructional materials not being available in time for students' classes, and general frustration by staff and faculty alike. I have heard that in one case, a department was not allowed to purchase a particular piece of equipment because someone in the Provost's office decided that it was not of high enough quality, suggesting that faculty are not competent to make such decisions. Since deans are provided with an allocation of funds, are responsible for managing their allocation, and review orders at the college level, why must duplicative micromanaging of such requests occur at higher levels of the university, causing unnecessary bottlenecks?

Why do faculty no longer receive advance notice of evacuation drills? Some classes are still in session during these drills, and instructors can no longer plan examinations to avoid such times.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was m/s/p to approve the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

It was m/s/p to approve the minutes.

5. Report from Executive Committee Liaison

G. Beer reported.

6. Faculty Policy Committee Documents on the Floor of the Academic Senate

The policy on Research, Scholarship and Creative Leaves will be a second reading item at the Academic Senate meeting.

7. Report of the Task Force Convened to Address Critical Issues Related to Academic Advising (FPC 05-1)

The committee discussed the document. It was agreed that the language in the document from the Faculty Handbook is sufficient. It was m/s/p to recommend that individual colleges review procedural documents. S. Ulanoff will draft the memo and will forward the committee's recommendation to the Executive Committee.

8. Acceptable Employment Levels of Part-Time Faculty (FPC 04-11)

Discussion will continue.

9. Intellectual Property (FPC 05-9)
No discussion due to lack of time.
10. Outstanding Lecturer Award (FPC 05-10)
No discussion due to lack of time.
11. Online Student Survey (FPC 05-7)
No discussion due to lack of time.
12. Proposed Policy: Class Size and Student Enrollment, Faculty Handbook, Chapter V (FPC 05-12)
No discussion due to lack of time.
13. Evaluation of Department chairs and School Directors (FPC 05-13)
No discussion due to lack of time.
14. Academic Honesty (FPC 05-14)
No discussion due to lack of time.
15. Adjournment
It was m/s/p to adjourn at 1:20 p.m.