

Faculty Senate Policy Committee

Minutes January 10, 2011

1. Members present:

- Nikki Katalanos
- Jane Slaughter
- Tim Lowrey

Excused:

- Floyd Kezele
- Martha Muller
- Jackie Hood
- Roli Varma

Ex Officio

- Melanie Baise
- Rick Holmes
- Vivian Valencia

Guests:

John Trotter
Nick Estes

2. Minutes of December 6 approved.

3. Agenda approved.

4. New Policies

OGS Policy presented to change grading system from Progress/PR to Credit/CR or No Credit/NC for project, thesis, and dissertation grading. Also eliminates Incomplete for dissertations, etc, on the transcript. This policy change was approved unanimously by the FSPC. The Operations Committee will be so informed.

5. Continuing policy reviews

a. C-07

- Nikki reviewed email from Rich Holder who was unable to attend. He is comfortable with the current draft or the “unitary” version.
- Nick Estes reviewed the history of the policy, starting with the old C-07 and why a change was indicated. The Regents noted that there was no policy in place for faculty discipline similar to that for staff/students.
- Jane adds it came up along the “extra comp” issue.
- John Trotter states he agreed with the need for a disciplinary policy for faculty as it give faculty protection. He felt the draft had multiple complexities, which can lead to confusion. He prefers what he described as a ‘unitary policy’.
- Melanie asked if there is any concern that going to a unitary policy might affect the tenure revocation policy.
- Discussion continued comparing and contrasting the two versions of the proposed policy.
- Action: John Trotter will draw up his version of a unitary policy, which in effect only changes section 3 of the draft.
- Melanie will look into the legal questions she raised.

- Nikki will send both version of the policy to the members of the committee for a final vote to support either version. Both versions will go to the Senate if the FSPC chooses the unitary policy.

b. C100/C110 discussed. Rich Holder, Jackie and Jane are working on this policy. Until there is a draft it will be come to the FSPC.

6. New Business: None

7. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Katalanos,
Chair

Addendum to the minutes:

After careful consideration of C-07 policy, which included an analysis by Melanie Baise, John Trotter, and Nick Estes, it was the consensus by email of the full body of the FSPC to support the original draft. The Operations committee was so informed.

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