Minutes

Members Present: Caton, Cherry, Eitle, Gerlach, Lawrence, Lansverk, Larson for Sobek, Locke, Lynch, Marshall for Weaver, McClure, Neumeier, Schachman, Sowell, Wojtowicz

Others Present: Larry Carucci, Joe Fedock, Greg Durham, Greg Young

Chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was not present.

Announcements – Chair Lynch

- Carucci will present the final language on expedited review.
- Ten Easy Ways to Engage Your Students by Tara Gray – The author will be at MSU for 2 forums. Greg Young would like to encourage FS members to attend and inform their colleagues about it.
- Higher Education Opportunity Act – Faculty are required to comply with the act and to provide expectations of what students may have to spend for classes prior to registration.
- Student Course Evaluation Hardware/Software – Dr. Fedock approved the Class Climate purchase, and it should be in fully operational in the fall 2010. It may be used for surveying populations and creating custom evaluations (online and paper). It will support multiple campuses and automate our procedures using less labor. Chair-elect Lansverk might want to discuss whether we should have uniform evaluations at FS meetings in the fall. It will interact with D2L and faculty have the option of going electronic or not.
- Election of FS Chair-elect is postponed until 4/28/2010.
- Faculty are invited to meet with the provost search firm at 10:00 am, 4/23/10, SUB 234.
- New university councils will meet this summer to determine their charge, mission and membership. President Cruzado hopes to have them functioning by fall 2010.
- Greg Durham of Faculty Affairs requested that FS elect the Chair of that committee at the next meeting.

Expedited Tenure Review - Larry Carucci

- Introduction:
  o A special section for administrators to get tenure was clarified. In the second paragraph, and “Primary Review Committee” “and Primary Administrator” was added. FS believe that the expedited process should continue through to the department head’s or dean’s review; that this one extra level of review should accompany the PRC’s review.
  o In the second paragraph, a new reference to a "Primary Administrator" was inserted. Locke suggested inclusion of the two parties in the expedited review: the Primary Review Committee and "Primary Administrator." Arguing in favor of this change is that the department head or college dean, whichever is applicable, should be able to a very quick review himself/herself after receiving a recommendation from the PRC. Senate members in attendance supported this inclusion.
  o Inclusion of specific wording makes clearer the fact that the PRC and the primary administrator will apply the *same* full set of standards against which any other candidate for P&T is evaluated. Some folks were concerned that otherwise a PRC might try to apply its own set of standards.
  o “However if the primary committee is unable to make a positive recommendation, there will not be a decision of record by the Primary Review Committee.” will be replaced with, “However if either the Primary Review Committee or Primary Administrator is unable to make a positive recommendation, there will not be a decision of record.”
• **Process Two: Expedited Tenure Process after Hire:**
  - The word “excellence” was changed to “accomplishment,” to align with the requirements for tenure (as opposed to later promotion reviews). It also adopts the language of the new P&T requirements which are not yet adopted.
  - Add “teaching, research / creative activity, and service” to the second to last bulleted point.

Since the Expedited Tenure Review is only a concept, the wording does not go through the handbook change process. Since there is not a quorum, FS members will vote to accept the concept, with changes, via email.

*Signature*

Marvin Lansverk, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary