

Faculty Senate Governance Committee Meeting
September 6, 2012
Heth Hall, Room 19

Members Present: Ian Barland, James Collier, Farrell Doss, Erin Webster Garrett, Lucy Hochstein, Pamela Jackson, Elizabeth Lanter, Kevin LoPresto, Susan Schoppelrey, Helen Roybark

I. Call to order: 3:30

II. It was agreed that Kevin LoPresto will serve as Chairman and Jim Collier will serve as Secretary.

III. The governance committee objectives assigned by the Faculty Senate Executive Council were discussed.

1. The objective regarding a collaborative effort with the Intellectual Property Committee on their recommendation on a revised IP policy (#6.) was discussed. The committee awaits a written position paper on protection of faculty patents and copyrights from the IP committee stating their opinions on the recent efforts to reverse the existing IP policy and initiate a “shop” policy.

2. The committee discussed whether to include additional participants, other than graduate faculty, in the evaluation of the Graduate College Dean (objective #3).

3. The committee agreed to revisit the issue of term limits for department chairs or directors and consider the evaluation process after a relevant survey is completed and a matrix of how the chair’s and director’s evaluation is developed (objective #4). Last year the committee discussed the uniformity of the FARs from college to college.

4. The committee agreed that the previous work done on the designation of specific responsibilities for the Faculty Appeals Committee and the Faculty Grievance Committee should be completed this year and converted into a motion including Faculty Handbook language (objective #5).

5. The committee discussed whether the faculty teaching exclusively in the CORE should have a rotation so that they may serve on the Senate on the same basis as in the colleges (objective #2). Now, there are more adjunct teaching in the CORE than were teaching Gen. Ed. The by-laws currently state one adjunct serves throughout the university that rotates from college to college. The chairman agreed to solicit a list of adjuncts and where they teach currently.

6. The Committee agreed to prioritize objectives #2 and #5 at the next meeting.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47.