

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
142 Gerberding Hall

Meeting synopsis:

1. Review of Minutes
2. Lecturer-related revisions to Faculty Code
3. SEC request re Adjudication code consistency - initial consideration
4. Adjournment

Call to Order

Council Chair Rich Christie called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Review of Minutes

The notes of the January 11, 2011 meeting were accepted as written. The minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting were approved with corrections.

Lecturer-related revisions to Faculty Code

The council returned to the ongoing discussion of lecturer-related revisions to the Faculty Code. The debate over adding a principal artist in residence title was settled as the council reached a consensus that it should not be added due to the unlikelihood of its use.

The council further discussed the procedure for promotions in Section 24-54. Christie noted that there is a debate on whether to keep this issue separate from the lecturer/instructor code revisions. He said that his goal is to get the code to conform to current practice, and that making changes lowers the risk of litigation. However, existing practice isn't the same everywhere.

Points raised in the ensuing discussion hinged on whether the requirement for initiating a promotion review should fall to department chairs or to faculty members, and whether either situation would reflect undue burdens. Another point discussed was whether proactive counseling on a faculty member's readiness for promotion should occur, and when. New language was suggested, but no consensus was reached.

In order to move on to other business, discussion was stopped, to be resumed at the subsequent meeting.

SEC request re Adjudication code consistency - initial consideration

In its January 10 meeting, the Senate Executive Committee reviewed a report by the Advisory Committee on Faculty Code and Regulations regarding code consistency in cases of academic misconduct and adjudications [report available as Exhibit C at http://www.washington.edu/faculty/facsen/senate_minutes/10-11/senate_012711.pdf]. The SEC requested that the FCFA conduct a review of the relevant portions of the Faculty Code related to and propose revisions based on that review.

Christie said that main issues include whether there are procedural conflicts on scientific misconduct among the Handbook and Faculty Code, and questions on oral and formal processes. He said that Senate Chair JW Harrington will write a formal letter to FCFA outlining the parameters of the SEC's request.

Vaughn cautioned that this is a long-range project, and not something to rush through. Killien added the importance of remembering that this request is based on multiple cases, and should not be thought of as based on a single case. Christie noted that there is a significant difference of opinion possible on the matter of imposing penalties: one can have the view that the dean imposes a penalty and the faculty member can appeal it, or that a penalty is not imposed unless the faculty member doesn't appeal it.

The council was asked to consider federal requirements concerning scientific misconduct and how they drive the process.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes by Craig Bosman, Faculty Council Support Analyst. <cbosman@uw.edu>

Present:

Faculty:	Christie (Chair), O'Brien, Phillips, Vaughn, Wilcock
President's Designee:	Cameron
Ex Officio:	Nordquist
Guests:	Marcia Killien

Absent:

Ex Officio:	Anderson, Fauchald
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