

**College of Education
Faculty Policy Council**

Minutes of the September 30, 2013
Regular Meeting
Location: 158 Norman Hall

Attending

Alyson Adams (STL), Linda Eldridge (HDOSE), Tim Jacobbe (STL), Ester de Jong (Chair – STL), Diana Joyce (SESPECS), Linda Lombardino (SESPECS), Jann MacInnes (HDOSE), Erica McCray (SESPECS), Albert Ritzhaupt (STL), Jacqueline Swank (HDOSE), Sevan Terzian (STL), Pedro Villarreal (HDOSE), Nancy Waldron (Secretary – SESPECS), Thomasenia Adams (Associate Dean)

Approval of the Agenda

Eldridge (moved), Terzian (second)
Agenda for today's meeting was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Joyce (moved), Adams (second)
Minutes from 08/26/13 FPC meeting were approved.

Action Items

1. Change COE Constitution language regarding the selection process for FPC Secretary.
COE Constitution: Section 4 - Councils and Committees, Section D. Secretary

Motion: Replace original constitution language with proposed revised language
Section D. Chair Elect

Adams (moved); Villarreal (seconded)

The Chair-elect would become an elected position that requires a vote of all college faculty. The Chair-elect would serve as the Secretary of FPC for one year, and then in year two would become the Chair of FPC. Elections would be held in conjunction with the general FPC elections based on nominations solicited from each school.

Questions/discussion focused on the requirement the Chair-elect /Secretary must be a tenured member of the college faculty. FPC members indicated agreement with maintaining this requirement which is consistent with the current COE constitution language.

Vote: Motion approved.

2. Change COE Constitution language regarding number of members and role of FPC representatives on standing committees.

COE Constitution: Section 4 - Councils and Committees, Section F. Committees

Motion: Replace original constitution language with proposed revised language Section F. Committees.

Joyce (moved); McInnes (seconded)

FPC standing committee membership is being reduced by having the FPC representative assigned to each committee serve as one of the committee members for their respective school. Thus standing committees will include 6 members (instead of 7) and one member will be an elected FPC representative.

Questions/discussion focused on the importance of FPC representatives sharing information and facilitating communication between the Council and standing committees. It was noted that standing committees have the option to add members based on specific tasks.

Vote: Motion approved.

Next steps – The FPC Chair will send out the proposed constitutional changes to College faculty for review. There must be a 1 month period before faculty meeting to vote. A COE faculty meeting will be held on November 25th. There will be a 1 hour FPC meeting followed by the COE faculty meeting.

Discussion Items

Next Steps: Organizational Issues for FPC. What should FPC focus on this year in terms of its role and function in the college?

FPC members expressed that they would like to have more information about the historical foundations of FPC – purpose, why established, how it has evolved since its inception.

Key questions that arose during discussion:

- What does it mean to be the policy making body for the college?
- What authority does FPC have? In what areas?
- What are the areas of college decision making where faculty need a voice?

What are the policy functions vs the operating functions of FPC and the respective standing committees? FPC representatives were asked to address this question to their respective committees and to send the information to Ester de Jong prior to the next FPC meeting.

Some possible topics for FPC consideration:

- Reconsider standing committee membership: reduce some committees to 1 member per school.
- What data/information was used in decision to move from Moodle to new online platform?
- How will faculty be involved in development of on-line Bachelor's degree?

Dean's Report

No report.

Announcements

No Announcements.

Committee Reports

FPC Representatives submitted written summaries of committee accomplishments for August and September. See attachment: FPC Committee Accomplishments

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) is considering composition of elected sabbatical and professional development leave committees. Proposed adding members to FAC this year, and then having FAC serve as an elected committee in the future. Committee was prompted to review wording in Collective Bargaining Unit agreement, policies adopted by FPC in April 2013, and to confer with Tom Dana about member and election options.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Terzian (moved), Eldridge (second)

APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm