

Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee

Minutes for March 19, 2007

Present: Dallas Holmes, Dave Hole, David Paper, Robert Schmidt, Britt Fagerheim, Scott Cannon, Brett Shelton, Charles Swenson

Old Business

- I. Minutes of February 12, 2007 meeting were approved.
- II. Faculty Forum membership: We were charged at the February 2007 Faculty Senate meeting to revise code 402.9.1, changing membership to include all faculty members. Committee drafted code to specify that the annual scheduled meeting of the Faculty Forum will be open to all faculty members to attend and speak, and added wording to specify that business at special meetings of the Faculty Forum will be conducted by faculty forum members. Move to forward code to Faculty Senate was made by Dave Hole and seconded by Scott Cannon.
- III. Committee on Diversity and Equity: The draft code for the new Committee on Diversity and Equity was given a first reading at the March 2007 FS meeting. PRPC addressed the three questions that were raised by the Faculty Senate:
 - a) The word Development in the title: a senator raised the question whether this weakens the committee, by making it too broad. PRPC took no action on this question.
 - b) Regarding the question whether the term "evaluate" infringes on other groups, such as EEO, and whether "evaluate" is too strong: PRPC changed the first instance of "evaluate" to "provide feedback" and the second instance of "evaluate" was changed to "report on."
 - c) Define or explain the term work/life balance: This term is used in the original resolution which was passed by FS. FS needs to discuss and define this term, if there is an issue.Move to forward code to Faculty Senate passed unanimously.
- IV. EPC Curriculum Subcommittee: The draft code regarding membership on the EPC Curriculum Subcommittee was given a first reading at the March FS meeting. The major question raised was whether term limits (or limits to length of members' terms) should be specified. PRPC members had questions about removing the sentence "The terms of Educational Policies Committee members on the subcommittee will correspond to their terms on the Educational Policies Committee" which is in the current code but requested to be removed by the Curriculum Subcommittee. We will request that Richard Mueller, chair of the Curriculum Subcommittee, attend the April PRPC meeting for a short discussion of this issue.

New Business

- I. EPC membership: PRPC was charged to update code 402.12.6 (2) relating to Educational Policies Committee membership. Code changes based on Faculty Senate charge approved to be sent to FS with one abstention.

- II. Faculty Senate Past President: PRPC was charged by the Faculty Senate to draft code outlining a role for the immediate past FS president, similar to the role of the president elect (membership on the FSEC). PRPC drafted code specifying that the past FS president will be a non-voting member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for a period of one year immediately following his/her term as Senate President.