Utah State University

Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee

Minutes

November 26, 2012

Meeting convened at 1:00 in room 152, Center for Persons with Disabilities. Three people joined the committee meeting by teleconference.

In attendance: Bryce Fifield (Chair), Kathy Chudoba, Robert Spall, Maria Spicer-Escalante, Britt Fagerheim, John Stevens, Kathy Riggs.

- Minutes from October 15, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

There are currently no active grievance panels.

We continue to explore different strategies to encourage faculty and administrators to respond to requests for information and testimony as part of the grievance process. Some of these strategies will be implemented when the next grievances are filed.

New Business

The committee will review recommendations that have been prepared by Faculty Senate taskforces reviewing the post-tenure review process and the actions taken during financial exigencies. These recommendations are just now being reviewed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee which will forward them to us for review and comment.

The committee reviewed its earlier decision to divide the chairmanship among two individuals (Bryce Fifield and Britt Fagerheim). Bryce volunteered to continue as chair for the remainder of the year. The committee (including Britt) agreed.

A doodle poll will be issued in the next couple of days to plan meetings for next semester.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce Fifield (Chair)