

MINUTES

University Committee Meeting 2 November 2016, 3:00 to 5:00 PM CL 735 Conference Room

Present: Eric Craver, David Voelker, Chuck Rybak, Patricia Terry, Christine Vandenhouten, Jan Snyder, Nikolas Austin, Greg Davis, Andrew Austin (notetaker)

- 1. Minutes of 26 October were approved.
- 2. Provost Greg Davis discussed a situation with the status of post-tenure review, recently passed by the Faculty Senate. Although the PTR policy was thoroughly vetted and found in compliance with BOR 20-9, a new requirement was discovered (that is, imposed): all post tenure policies are now required to carry a provision for an administrative-level review for findings of "meets expectations." UC members discussed timing of revisions and whether there should be any. The decision was made to make a revised document available for senators to discuss at the next Faculty Senate meeting (to be held 9 November). There was discussion of faculty oversight in managing situations in which unit-level and administrative-level reviews should be out of phase. The members present had no confidence that this modification would survive scrutiny and therefore was abandoned.
 - Provost Davis clarified membership of the Position Review Committee.
- 3. The UC discussed the 24-credit workload models. The policies are taking shape. The working group (made up of four deans) appears to have agreed upon a 21-credit average teaching expectation for units with three credits for accountable activities (in service, research, and so on). There is a strong desire to have four policies but with an overarching framework that guarantees equity. UC discussed the relationship of final policy to shared governance process.
- 4. The discussion of annual review policy remains simmering on the back burner. The UC is waiting until the biscuits are ready.
- 5. There was brief discussion of the revised certificates policy. Clif was slated to present the policy to Faculty Senate at next meeting.
- 6. The Fund the Freeze campaign was discussed. The UC unanimously agreed to bring it forward to Senate. Patricia and Andrew were charged with drafting the resolution.
- 7. The agenda for the 9 November Faculty Senate meeting was set. Key items: the revised PTR policy, the awarding of degrees, the childcare initiative, and Fund the Freeze.
- 8. SGA President Nikolas Austin discussed several items, including a listening session organized by the Mayor's office concerning the early voting controversy, the U-Pass situation, and the childcare fund.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00

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