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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