

Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting
February 17, 2016
12:00-1:00 pm
Dewar College of Education & Human Services, Room 2050

Minutes

Members in attendance: Alicja Rieger, Katharine Adams, Eric Howington, Lee Grimes, Nancy Swanson, Harold Thiele, Laura Carter

1. Approval of the Faculty Affairs Committee minutes from December 1, 2015 meeting

The minutes of the 12/1/15 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Notification: Completed charge. A summary statement of our findings regarding unused sick leave in relation to the two available faculty retirement options, Teacher's Retirement System (TRS) and Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) at VSU has been presented at January's Senate meeting (28 Jan '16). No requests have been made to continue to do any more work on this charge. Thank you all for your contributions.

- 3 .Continuation of work on academic freedom (comparison chart)

Our committee plans to complete the report on academic freedom at VSU this academic year, completing that charge. Then the committee will work on the "credit for SOI completion" charge that has been given to our committee.

For the remainder of the meeting, committee members broke into pairs and continued working on the comparison chart that was started at the previous meeting. Completed items should be emailed to Alicja as soon as possible. The next step will be to compose a summary or narrative to go along with the comparison chart. We can then consider sending the document to FIRE for their critique/review.

4. Scheduling next Faculty Affairs Committee meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 3:30-4:30 pm in the same room.

Additional Notes: Next Faculty Senate meeting is 18 February, 2016 UC Mag 3:30 PM

1:05 pm: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Eric Howington

These minutes were approved at the 3/2/2016 meeting.