

Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes

11/9/16

In attendance:

Eric Howington

Lorna Alvarez-Rivera

Peter Geldrich

Jt Cox

Alicja Rieger

Nancy Swanson

Robert Spires

Approved the minutes for the prior Fall 2016 meetings.

Eric went over Faculty Senate voting results regarding the changes to the Tenure and Promotion document. Discussed 3 items remanded to executive committee for further revisions and the rest of the changes were approved by the Faculty Senate.

Discussed the Bylaws of the Faculty Affairs Committee. Noted that committee meetings are to be open and discussed sharing meeting times with Faculty Senate President.

Discussed charge of discussing VSU process of moving from a tenure track to a non-tenure track position. Board of Regents policy is already in place. Unclear where the additional 'VSU Process' steps originated and whether the documents available are formal VSU policy or developed by individual without full approval of the Faculty Senate. Eric proposed committee investigate the issue and consider these issues further to move forward. Committee agreed

Discussed Instructional Conflict of Interest procedure for family members. Policy appears thorough but more understanding of the issues is needed. One issue discussed was potentially adding a FERPA statement. Eric recommended tabling this issue and investigating further. VSU lawyer may need to be consulted on FERPA issue. Discussed each committee member look at comparable institution's examples for both the Conflict of Interest and the Non-tenure track document issues.

Faculty Affairs Committee's next meeting will be in Spring Semester. Communication via email will occur during December.