

Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting

December 1, 2015

9:00 am

Dewar College of Education & Human Services, Room 2050

Minutes

Members in attendance: Alicja Rieger, Katharine Adams, Eric Howington, Hasson Tavossi, Nancy Swanson, Harold Thiele

1. Approval of the Faculty Affairs Committee minutes from November 10 meeting

The minutes of the 11/10 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Discussion of the Faculty Senate "Resolution of Support" added to agenda.

General discussion of the reduction in force and the "resolution of support" that is being drafted by another faculty senate committee. That committee is having trouble maintaining membership. It is believed that the charge to that committee has not been fully clarified. Dr. Rieger distributed a copy of the latest draft of the resolution and asked for thoughts from our committee. Discussion ensued. Dr. Rieger said that she would send an email to committee members to obtain their comments and input to a draft of a "Resolution in Support..." so she could pass them along to the originator of the document.

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

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. Dr. Rieger would like to have this chart completed at the first committee meeting of 2016.

4. Scheduling next Faculty Affairs Committee meeting

Due to changes in schedules for the spring semester, Dr. Rieger postpones scheduling the next faculty affairs committee meeting pending results of a Doodle poll at the start of the spring 2016 semester.

Additional Notes: Next Faculty Senate meeting is 28 January, 2016 UC Mag 3:30 PM

Notification: We have been informed that 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 will be included in January's Senate meeting (28 Jan '16).

10:15 am: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Eric Howington

These minutes were approved at the 2/17/2016 meeting.