

Faculty Affairs committee meeting minutes

9/14/2016

Members present

Eric Howington (chair)
Bob Spires (chair-elect)
Alicja Rieger (past-chair)
Nancy Swanson
Laura Wright
Jt Cox

Agenda Items

Address the revisions of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion policies and procedures document.

Discussion-

Confusion about where and when the most recent proposed changes were added to the document.

All colleges/units do not operate in the same way and tenure and promotion, specifically regarding the acceptance of publications that are unconditionally accepted by a journal but not yet published.

At the town hall meetings, faculty were in agreement that accepted but not yet published publications should count toward the peer-reviewed scholarship and not only in works-in-progress. The committee will remove these elements accordingly.

Question of the issues related to the up to three years credit toward a probationary period in a tenure-track position from a lecturer or instructor position. Committee agreed to keep the language.

Committee will remove website URLs from the document due to the issue with web addresses changing and becoming outdated, and to replace with a description of where to find the documentation on the university's website.

Committee discussed issues of whether administrators or UTPC members can participate and/or serve on departmental and college T and P committees. Committee discussed extending the deadline for Faculty Senate to approve changes to T and P and other changes recommended by the Provost.

Committee discussed removing the element suggesting that if the Faculty Senate did not act by the end of the academic year, the Provost could move forward with changes.

Committee discussed deadline of September 22 for all decisions on revisions. Committee Chair will address revisions we discussed and begin an email conversation which will include the agreed upon changes made, as well as the additional remaining revisions needed.