

**2012-13 FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY POLICIES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

*Approved: February 06, 2013*

November 21, 2012

Members Present: M. Beddow, S. Bowie, W. Buchan, D. Jadavi, A. Rechs (Chair), T. Wang.  
Members Absent: D. Grushkin, S. Holl (excused), M. Kochis (excused), H. Lee-Keller  
(excused), R. McCurdy, K. Porter (excused).

1. Called to Order at 1:09 p.m.
2. Action Item:
  - a. Approval of November 21, 2012 agenda as published. MSC.
3. Information Items and Announcements:
  - a. Chair Rechs welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
  - b. Chair Rechs alerted members that the Executive Committee is currently discussing an updated Grade Appeal Policy, student discipline and cheating. A lengthy discussion took place and it was determined that often the faculty member bringing the charges are not contacted, nor are they even asked to testify. The process and outcomes were discussed. Concerns were voiced that faculty are not allowed to testify and often feel under minded in the process. Additionally, many times faculty never are informed as to the outcome of the process. Members voiced concerns about the current disciplinary process. Chair Rechs agreed to bring concerns forward to the Executive Committee.
4. Action Items:
  - a. October 3, 2012 minutes were approved as written. MSC.
5. Chair Rechs led a lengthy discussion about FPC creating three new university-wide awards for excellence in teaching, community service, and university service. This task of creating these additional awards has been referred to FPC from the Executive Committee. Chair Rechs also discussed the two Presidential Awards awarded by the President and overseen by the Research and Creative Activities Awards Subcommittee. As the committee has discussed previously, the President and Provost have requested that the existing two Presidential Awards be condensed into one award. It was decided that before the committee completes all the work involved in creating these new awards that both the President and Provost be approached to make sure that they are on board and willing to financially support these three new awards. The history of FPC's attempting to develop new university awards was discussed at length. Recommendations have been brought forward to the Senate and in the past the Senate has preferred to keep the college awards rather than supporting additional presidential awards.
6. A discussion of the need to alter the current voting rights of some FPC members and its sub-committee members took place. Currently, ex officio, student representatives, staff and some administrators are not allowed to vote. Members decided to keep the current policy as now written, which is that faculty only can vote.

7. Subcommittee reports – Chair Rechs reviewed liaison assignments for the upcoming academic year.
  - a. Center for Teaching and Learning – Maria Kochis agreed to continue serving as the FPC liaison.
  - b. Pedagogy Enhancement Awards Subcommittee – Maggie Beddow agreed to serve as the FPC liaison.
  - c. Research and Creative Activities Awards Subcommittee –liaison position remains unfilled.
  - d. Visiting Scholars Subcommittee – Hellen Lee Keller is the FPC liaison.
  - e. Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service Selection Committee - Dante Jadavi is the FPC liaison.
  - f. Livingston Lecture Committee – liaison will be determined later, since the committee has already met for the year.
  
8. **The next FPC meeting is scheduled on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 p.m. in Sacramento Hall 275.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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