

FACULTY POLICIES COMMITTEE

2014-2015

Minutes

February 4, 2015

Approved February 18, 2015

Present: Maggie Beddow, De-Laine Cyrene, Sue Holl (Chair), Maria Kochis, Hakan Ozcelik, Adam Rechs, Ta-Chen Wang

Visitors: Kathy Garcia, Reza Peigahi

1. The agenda was approved as presented (Rechs/Chen MSC)
2. Open Forum – there was no discussion.
3. The minutes of December 3, 2014 were approved (Rechs/Beddow MSC)
4. The University Conversations were discussed. The first will be on teaching. Some possible titles were discussed : Is Teaching REALLY the most important? Teaching: In and Out of the Classroom. Dana Kivel has agreed to attend and present a short statement about Community Engagement. Some questions we might list on our flyer:
 - How do we reward good teaching?
 - How do we encourage improvement?
 - How do we make sure not to compartmentalize our functions – we are tasked with producing knowledge as well as teaching knowledge.
 - How do we make sure that our evaluations consider more than SETs?
5. Committee Reports: De-Laine reported that she still needs to be officially recognized by the CTL. Maggie reported that the RCA Committee is a lot of work and they consider the FPC liaison a full member (meaning the full amount of work). They have been meeting weekly. RCA is having two events coming up at which Outstanding Faculty will be recognized.
6. FPC has decided to wait on further discussions regarding Workload and Travel issues as University Policy exists and these items are being discussed elsewhere.
7. ASCSU resolution on Academic Freedom. FPC recommends that the CSUS Faculty Senate endorse this resolution. (Rechs/Beddow MSC)
8. ASCSU resolution on Shared Governance. FPC recommends that the CSUS Faculty Senate endorse this resolution. (Rechs/Cyrene MSC)
9. Other University policies were discussed briefly (Timely Grading, Last Week of Instruction) and we determined that we do not want to create additional policy to address only a few individual issues.
10. University Branding was discussed and FPC will ask which entity is in charge of this and if there is faculty representation on a Branding Committee.

