

Faculty Policies Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of Dec. 7, 2016
Approved: Feb. 1, 2017

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:09pm

Roll Call:

Roll was taken

Voting Members Present: Boulgarides, Cyrenne, Ives, Kochis, Wang, Zeigler

Absent: Smith

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members Present: Lilly, Hurley

Absent: Heather

Open Forum

Open forum was quiet today.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: The agenda and the minutes of Nov. 16 were unanimously approved.

Update from Chair/Subcommittees

The Chair advised the committee that the UARTP committee still does not have a Chair, though a plan is in place to rotate the duties between members of the committee. The UARTP has contacted HR and Counsel for additional information.

The EATC has 45 – 3 unit awards to be distributed by the end of the current contract. The call for applications has been extended through Feb. 10, 2017.

Other subcommittees were meeting and on schedule with awards.

A discussion was held regarding the roles of subcommittee members – whether ex-officio or full, voting members.

Academic Calendar 2018-2019

The Chair will meet with Dennis Geyer, University Registrar, and Don Taylor to discuss the requirements of the academic calendar and submission information. It was suggested that an additional meeting be held with HR.

Evaluation Survey

We received evaluation survey responses from 285 faculty members, just over a 16% response rate of all 16/17 faculty. We were advised that there had been 1479 faculty for 15/16, and that increased to 1729 for 16/17. The group will evaluate the responses and formulate a report to the Senate.

Online Student Evaluation of Teaching language to students

The reminder is currently sent to students every two days. The recommendation of the committee was that the current language is fine, and should remain the default. The default could be modified by department request, if IRT/ATCS is adequately notified.

Religious Holidays

The general consensus was that a calendar should not be made policy. A published calendar could also exclude many holidays. Additional guidance will be solicited upon receipt of the official referral.

Adjourned 2:30pm