

**2011-12 FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY POLICIES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

*Approved: November 21, 2012*

October 3, 2012

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

1. Called to Order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Information Items and Announcements:
  - a. Chair Rechs welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending.
  - b. Chair Rechs reported that a couple of new members will be joining FPC. One is Sylvester Bowie and the other is Donald Grushkin. It is Chair Rechs understanding that approval of these two members will be on tomorrow's Senate agenda as a consent item.
  - c. Chair Rechs reviewed the communication which all faculty received from Provost Gossett regarding Prop. 30. Chair Rechs read the email and mentioned that it was a directive from the Chancellor's Office to distribute it. The message makes it clear that faculty are not to influence students either way, or try to persuade them to vote either for or against Prop. 30. According to policy, any political discussion regarding Proposition 30 in class cannot influence students one way or another unless a discussion on Prop. 30 is directly relevant to the courses content. In the case that Prop. 30 is relevant to the course content of the course, the facts only may be discussed. The Faculty Rights and Responsibilities policy, recently adopted was discussed. The decision was made that FPC will leave the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Policy as written for now and will not recommend any changes.
3. Action Items:
  - a. October 3, 2012 agenda was approved as published. MSC.
  - b. September 18, 2012 minutes were approved as written. MSC.
4. The Outstanding Faculty Awards changes were reviewed. Chair Rechs announced that the call will be going out shortly for this year, without the changes that CPC was going to add. The timeline and changes were again discussed. Chair Rechs agreed to meet with Kathy Garcia to review the changes and to get more information on the upcoming cycle.
5. Chair Rechs informed members that FPC will be in charge of the academic calendar in the future. Although, he announced that there isn't a need to act on the calendar quickly at this point in time.
6. A discussion on voting rights of members on the standing committees, subcommittees, ex-officio members, students, and staff took place. As of now, students, staff and some ex-officio members are not allowed to vote. Several FPC members wish to convey their sentiment that students, staff, and ex-officio members not be allowed to vote on FPC.

Members felt that it would be helpful if members had a written description, clarifying their position and if they are allowed to vote or not, on the committees and subcommittees in which they may serve as a liaison before they commit to serving on the committees. That way, they know before they begin that they do not have voting rights.

7. Chair Rechs and FPC discussed briefly modality issues with teaching online and hybrid courses. FPC agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.
8. 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 – liaison will be determined later.
  - c. Research and Creative Activities Awards Subcommittee –liaison 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.
9. **The next FPC meeting is scheduled on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 p.m. in Sacramento Hall 275.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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