

Faculty Senate Minutes – April 17, 2009

All members present or represented except Mo Cuevas, Bonnie Pendleton, and Nagalpura Viswanath.

Welcome and call to order at 12:20

Minutes of April 3 – motion to approve by Pulliam, second by Hueston, approved

Comments by Dr. Russell Lowry-Hart on Probation and Suspension

- Needed to regularize
- Changes: summers count now, proposing Academic Review committee for appeals process instead of having deans do it, want faculty to do more mentoring so students follow through better, all students on probation go to STARR Center
- Have more accountability and transparency, more objective and academic

Questions about why faculty have to do more when deans are supposed to do this.

Answer – it was not working, needed to change so better for students, consistent

Question – this would be a good job for Associate Deans

Answer – want faculty to have more voice, it should be an academic decision, not a staff decision

Discussion – when athletes are involved, need to follow NCAA rules, but often are not being enforced?

Motion by Hueston (for price) that Deans, Associate Deans, STARR Center, and Registrar enforce probation and suspension rules with no faculty input needed, second by Browning, approved

Old Business

- a. Senate Constitution approval: Landram moved to change Faculty Senate to Faculty House of Representatives because some colleges have more than four representatives, this revision not approved; only one No vote (Landrum) to changes as a whole; revised constitution is approved
- b. Final report on T&P Committee: Report by Pulliam: Collegiality & Professionalism to be removed as a category, but will be evaluated within each of the other categories; all forms will be standardized; change labels of categories; Faculty Senate will have a representative on the university committee; departmental committees restructured; Annual reviews no longer the only criterion for classification as Outstanding, Excellent, etc. Discussion – Bob says that selection of departmental committee still a problem as can be manipulated, need to de-politicize the process, still wants all tenured faculty members to have a vote; Pulliam motion to approve previous Senate recommendations and all of the of the University Tenure and Promotion Committee except #8 on departmental committee membership, second by Browning, approved
- c. Magister Optimus Award nominations passed around, be prepared to vote at next meeting

- d. Grade Appeal Policy changes: discussion, Pulliam moved to approved changes, Ambrose seconded, approved
- e. Academic Integrity Policy additions: discussion, Pulliam moved to accept, Browning seconded, approved
- f. Regents Professor notebooks will be available in the Library Monday morning, votes due by April 29.

New Business – nothing is new

Other Business

- a. Senate Elections: COESS elected PSSW Gary Byrd, at-large Yvette Castillo and Gary Bingham for Education; COB and AG Science & Engineering on Thursday at 11:30 Chenoweth will attend AG, Calvi will attend COB; FAH will vote on Friday, Branson will attend, NHS will vote Sunday
- b. Appointments University Standing Committees: vacancies filled
- c. Pre-commencement speaker, faculty will not be on stage
- d. Faculty Development event next week
- e. New Core Curriculum sent out
- f. Resolution on the ARFP process and Sedona: Numerical system is out of T&P so needs to be deleted from ARFP; teaching evaluation based on student input, not on any real observation, for example; Hansen offered to make a list of problems he has been told about, using numbers is the biggest issue

Motion to Adjourn at 2:07