

Library Faculty Meeting Minutes
Special Tenure Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 11am by the Chair of the Executive Committee, Gisele Schierhorst.

Minutes by Jason Torre with the assistance of a digital voice recorder; the recording is destroyed.

Present: 20 voting members of the faculty; three non-voting members of the faculty.

Agenda Items

Report/discussion of the feasibility of disbanding the University Senate Library Tenure and Review Committee and the University Libraries joining the College of Arts and Sciences Senate. Discussion led by: Helene Volat and Aimee De Chambeau.

Discussion opened by Gisele:

The HSC library has put forth a proposal to the Provost to separate from the University Senate Library PTC and create their own AH-hoc Library PTC as the need arises. They wish to completely break all ties with the West Campus Libraries (Melville), and have submitted their own submission process to be used separate from the proposed LPPP revision and West Campus Libraries.

Helene/Aimee

The meeting is to begin the discussion of moving from the current process to the CAS Senate. To be prepared, we must be ready by the end of August to get the proper approvals from the University Senate.

The two met with the current President and incoming President of the College of Arts and Sciences to discuss the possibility of making the move to the CAS. During this meeting, the group discussed the pros and cons of joining the CAS.

Points of discussion:

- Fear of being judged differently. Answer: Each separate unit reporting to the CAS has their own individual criteria that are geared to their faculty and discipline.
- Each semester the Dean of a particular college or school reporting to the CAS goes before the CAS PTC and discusses the criteria and the reasoning behind it as well as changes.
- Calling meeting is easier. The University Senate LPTC is comprised of 10 members that must be brought together to vote which is very difficult; the CAS seven members.
- CAS general guidelines are strict. Although stricter in a sense their guidelines do allow some flexibility in preparing files. Some changes would have to be made to our criteria and we would need to update our processes and stick to them.

Options:

1. Request a separate University Senate LPTC from the HSC.
2. Have our own committee handle the review in the library and not go through the University Senate. *Chris F. (Dean of Libraries) points out that the Provost prefers to have a separate group review files and this would not be a good choice.
3. Create our own Ad-Hoc committee as needed.
4. Join the CAS Senate and utilize their PTC committee.* Dan K. points out the change would not be a big one as everything is based on the SUNY Board of Trustee Policies and UUP Contract. Overall reasons for the move.
 - a. CAS has more structure, one document for all.
 - b. CAS is more responsive to various needs and handles many files a semester.
 - c. CAS accepts differences in units and works with them.
 - d. The process is flexible.
 - e. No one on the current LPTC understands Librarians.
 - f. Senate Exec. Council might disband the LPTC delaying the process.
 - g. Believe it is an opportunity to re-affirm our faculty status.
 - h. Procedurally we can adjust to their guidelines.
 - i. LPPP revision can be fitted to their guidelines.

Final Discussion points:

- *Request another unit's guidelines to review before August.
- *Confirm who approves this change and begin transition process.
- *Confirm that technology (web) publishing is accepted.
- *Confirm that HSC proposal has been accepted.

Discussion ends.

Motion made: Motion made by Gisele.

Motion to pursue the alliance with the College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee.

2nded by multiple voices.

Motion carried:

19 For 1 Against 3 Non-voting abstentions.

Request for dissenting opinion was made to sole member; dissenting opinion was denied on personal grounds at that time.

Follow up: Next step is to invite CAS representative to meet with Library faculty and begin process.

Meeting adjourned 11:55AM.