

Bylaws & Faculty Code Committee  
Minutes – Jan. 22, 2019

Present: Jason Dormady, Mary Radeke, Bret Smith, Walter Szeliga  
Absent: Stephen Robison  
Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. Minutes of January 8, 2019 were approved as written.

*Chair Updates/EC Updates*

The Distinguished Faculty Award BOT Language was approved at the January 9 Faculty Senate meeting.

Mary, Walter, Stephen, and `Amy met with the president to talk about what needed to happen with the code. The president would like to see the code language be solidified for the future and proposed some or all of the code be moved to the CWUP 01 section of university policy. The BOT and UPAC have authority over this section of policy. There is also a CWUP 02 policy section. This would not take away from faculty input because any changes would still have to go through senate, but would take a different path.

The committee felt that putting the code in the CWUP 01 section of policy probably would not be a good idea, but it would be worth considering how to incorporate some stronger language in this section to address the problem of enforcement. One suggestion is to create a new clause about enforcement. The code is a living document and needs to be able to be amended. A preamble clause on authority could be added to address legal authority and for enforcement could be linked to policy and code. Then a new paragraph about how the code is enforceable would be added and linked to the university policy. University policy would need to be created first, with the authority link in the preamble, followed by a statement addressing delegation of powers, which would probably need to be in a section on shared governance. It might be a good idea to consult with the code-writer's office in Olympia.

Also discussed during the meeting with the president was the issue of consistency among code, policy, and the CBA. There are certain sections of the code that need to be reorganized and clarified; the definition of shared governance needs to be clarified as well (e.g. what does it mean; how does it operate). Regarding overlap with the CBA, we may need to consider moving some or all of the code to the CWUP 01 section of university of policy, in addition to reviewing areas that are not covered in the code or the CBA. The current or previous UFC president may need to be consulted.

Moving forward, the BFCC & Senate chair will draft potential change. Changes will be shared with the president and two BOT members. The goal is to have complete revisions at the committee level by the end of academic year to Faculty Senate for three readings in fall. Suggestions for policy language, legal authority, preamble language, and suggested language for sections CWUP 01 and/or 02 will be discussed at the next BFCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next meeting:  
Feb. 5, 2019  
3:30 p.m. Barge 410