

Bylaws & Faculty Code
Minutes–February 5, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:44 p.m. Minutes of January 22, 2019 were approved as written.

Chair Updates

BFCC does not have anything on the agenda for the February Faculty Senate meeting. Updates will be presented at the March meeting.

Mary met with Amy to discuss the direction of the code rewrite and identify next steps. Six goals were identified. The first two goals are what is already being discussed, but language about shared governance also needs to be identified. The third goal is to identify areas throughout the code where language regarding shared governance needs to be strengthened. For Goal 4, Budget & Planning Committee is working on language for the code, but it will go to EC, which will then hand it off to BFCC. The language is not to the stage where it is ready for EC to work on it. For BFCC, the code rewrite takes precedence. EC is willing to handle the code language for the budget section of the code. Goal 5 is to think about how faculty voice is used in administrative evaluations. Currently this is only specified in the EAC section of the code, but this section doesn't specify how the evaluations are used. Goal 6 is for better overall organization of the code. This is something we have been working on for the last year.

Timeline is a concern, as this ideally needs to be finished by May. It might be possible to do the rewrite in subcommittees, with two people working on some goals, while two people work on other goals. The order of the six goals can be rearranged. Goals 1, 2, and 5 should be addressed before the March 5 Faculty Senate meeting. A recommendation from the president was for the rewrite to go to the BOT before it does to the senate, but we can share with the BOT via email. The most likely scenario is to make all changes to the code and do one vote next year.

EC Updates

A decision was made for the reorganization language is to go back to policy. However, the president would like to see specific areas of the code broadened so it won't lead to more pieces of policy being developed. We also need to incorporate additional language to protect faculty. We also need to be talking to the UFC president to discuss where shared governance shows up in the CBA, in addition to finding places where CBA and code are misaligned (part of goal 2).

Proposed code/policy language

In CWUP 2-10-220, there are concerns about the use of “collegial.” AAUP’s version is “shared responsibility.”

Any changes will be sent to Amy. Shared governance, and misalignment between the CBA and code language will be discussed at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Next meeting – Feb. 19, 2019; Barge 410; 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.