

Bylaws & Faculty Code Committee
Minutes – March 30, 2018

Present: Amy Claridge, Lila Harper, Mary Radeke, Bret Smith

Absent: Stephen Robison (excused)

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. Agenda was amended to add a discussion of the material to be presented at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting. Agenda was approved as amended. Minutes of March 2, 2018 were approved as amended.

Amy discussed updates from the EC. The president supports the new BOT award; there is no problem with the financial award coming from his office. Previously we had some concerns about the language changes we made to the Distinguished Faculty Award sections of the Faculty Code. The president suggested that he or the BOT have the final say and submit the award recipients to the BOT. He also suggested giving the BOT award one recipient as opposed to three candidates. The EC will discuss the president's feedback at an upcoming meeting, and the new Faculty Code language can go on to Faculty Senate from there.

New Business

a. Material to be presented at Faculty Senate meeting

The main item is an amendment to the language for the Scholarly Misconduct Policy, which was brought up at the March Faculty Senate meeting. Some additional changes need to be made. In Exhibit E, change "and" to "or" wherever it appears in the title or heading: "Creation, Reorganization, and Renaming of Academic Units." Exhibit F presents language that was initially passed two years ago. BFCC was asked to come up with clearer guidelines for the process so worked on incorporating the language into the Faculty Code. The Library/Grad Studies merger is a recent example of when the current reorganization process didn't work well. When the language initially passed two years ago, it was intended to be policy so it was used as a test run for creating the School of Education and at that time the process worked well.

b. Distinguished Faculty Awards

Most of the previous language change were made to Appendix B, regarding the process for the awards. In Section III in the Faculty Code, language needs to be changed to address NTT faculty. Also, the current language in Section 3 doesn't say much about eligibility, which is really addressed in the appendix. One problem is the use of "professor" to indicate only tenure appointments. The language in Section 3 doesn't actually say "tenure-line," it just says "professor." This language could be left as-is, unless changes are determined to be necessary.

Proposed changes to Section III:

- delete all of B; change "three" to "four" in the first sentence so there are four awards.
- in order to maintain consistency, change "professor" to "faculty" throughout Section III;

renumber everything to allow for the deletion of B.

Lila moved to make changes to Section III; Mary seconded. Motion approved.

Proposed changes in Appendix B, Section V:

- change “professor” to “faculty” throughout Section V, and strike “tenured/tenure-track”
- Strike A.2
- Strike “regular” in V.A.1
- add “activities such as” in B.4.e.
- Strike “for all courses” in 4.b. and change the headings to match the new award titles
- Strike the entirety of Section VI (this should be replaced with something about the BOT award, which would become a new Section VI; language to be determined later).

Lila moved to approve the changes to Appendix B, Section V; Amy seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business

a. Code Rewrite

Mary will work on making changes to the Faculty Code document and then send it Bret. When labeling files, add initials and date, and use track changes so when the document goes to the EC there will be a clear record of changes. While working on the Faculty Code rewrite, consider strengthening the Code for whomever comes in following the current president.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting:
April 20, 2018
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