Committee on Nominations & Elections

Minutes of Meetings on March 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 of 2014.

Members present: Calvin Blackwell, Isaure DeBuron-Connors, Consuela Francis, Denis Keyes, Catherine Thomas, Michelle VanParys, Robert Westerfelhaus

The committee discussed candidates to for the slate of Senate and College-wide committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Blackwell

Tuesday, August 05, 2014
Committee on Nominations & Elections

Minutes of Meeting on September 12, 2013

Members present: Calvin Blackwell, Consuela Francis, Catherine Thomas, Michelle VanParys, Robert Westerfelhaus

Members absent: Isaure DeBuron (class conflict), Denis Keyes (illness)

The meeting began at 2:05 pm in the Tate Center, room 211.

The committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting (August 27, 2013).

The committee discussed candidates to replace Matt Page on the Curriculum Committee, and selected Bonnie Springer.

The committee chair informed the committee that only one candidate (Joe Carson) was willing to run to replace Linda Jones as at-large senator representing the School of Science and Math, and the he would be declared the new senator.

The chair informed the committee of a complex situation involving the Tenure & Promotion committee. Cliff Peacock indicated he would not be able to serve on the T&P committee, and the chair of T&P, Mark Lazzaro has requested a replacement. Currently, the chair of Nominations (Calvin Blackwell) is applying for promotion to Professor. As such, his involvement in the selection of a member of the committee which would evaluate him is inappropriate. The chair indicated that he planned to recuse himself from the process, which would necessitate the rest of the committee taking over the selection of a replacement. The remaining members of the committee agreed to take on that responsibility.

Calvin Blackwell then left the meeting. The remaining committee members selected Catherine Thomas to run the search for a new member of the T&P committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Blackwell

Friday, September 13, 2013
Committee on Nominations & Elections

Minutes of Meeting on August 27, 2013

Members present: Calvin Blackwell, Isaure DeBuron-Connors, Denis Keyes, Catherine Thomas, Michelle VanParys, Robert Westerfelhaus

Members absent: Consuela Francis

The meeting began at 2:05 pm in the Beatty Center, room 301.

The committee discussed three motions (attached). The first motion concerned changing the by-laws to clarify which faculty members are eligible for serving on Senate and College Committees. The Chair noted that the current language in the FAM only specifies “faculty,” but does not specify what is meant by that term. In the past, adjunct and visiting professors have been deemed ineligible to serve, but this practice does not seem consistent with the current wording. The intent of this first motion is to explicitly state this policy. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote.

The second and third motions concerned excluding from service on the Tenure & Promotion and PTR committees any faculty member undergoing review in that year. This practice has been ongoing, but is not specifically condoned by the FAM. Both motions passed on unanimous votes.

The committee also discussed extending the current three year limit for faculty service to four years. The committee was not generally supportive of this idea, and voted not to pursue this change with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Blackwell

Monday, September 02, 2013
TITLE: Motion to More Clearly Define Faculty Eligibility for Committee Work. Change to By-laws Article V, Section 1, K

INTRODUCTION:

This change in the by-laws will clarify which faculty members are eligible to serve on College and Senate Committees. Currently the bylaws in most cases simply refer to “faculty,” making it unclear if, for example, visiting professors or adjunct professors are eligible. Past practice has been to limit committee membership to “regular” faculty, as defined in Article I, Section 1. This motion would formalize that practice.

MOTION:

Add Article V, Section 1, K to the by-laws:

For the remainder of Article V, references to the terms “faculty” or “faculty member” specifically mean all and only regular faculty members, as defined in Article I, Section 1, excluding all those qualifying as ex-officio regular faculty members under provision (3).

RATIONALE:

As noted above, past and current practice has been to limit membership on Standing Senate Committees and Standing College Committees to “regular” faculty members, i.e, tenured and tenure-track faculty, instructors and librarians, but not including full-time administrators who hold academic appointment. Recently, there have been calls to add adjuncts representation to some committees, and periodically visiting professors volunteer for these committees. As the current version of the by-laws mentions only “faculty,” it is unclear if either adjuncts or visitors are eligible. This proposal would make it clear that only regular faculty may serve on Senate and College Committees.
TITLE: Motion to Exclude Faculty Members Currently under Review from the Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion and Third-Year Review. Change to By-laws Article V, Section 3, B 7 a 5

INTRODUCTION:

This change in the by-laws will explicitly exclude faculty members undergoing any level of review from serving on the Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion and Third-Year Review.

MOTION:

Insert Article V, Section 3, B 7 a 3 to the by-laws:

No faculty member undergoing any level of administrative review (i.e., promotion or post tenure review) may serve on this committee during the academic year of that review.

The current subsections 3, 4, and 5 would be renumber to 4, 5, and 6.

RATIONALE:

Current practice, based on guidance from the Provost’s Office, is exclude from service on the Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion and Third-Year Review any faculty member going up for promotion to full Professor or undergoing post-tenure review. This motion would formalize that practice.
TITLE: Motion to Exclude Faculty Members Currently under Review from the Post-Tenure Review Committee. Change to By-laws Article V, Section 3, B 15 a 5

INTRODUCTION:

This change in the by-laws will explicitly exclude faculty members undergoing any level of review from serving on the Post-Tenure Review Committee.

MOTION:

Insert Article V, Section 3, B 15 a 3 to the by-laws:

No faculty member undergoing any level of administrative review (i.e., promotion or post tenure review) may serve on this committee during the academic year of that review.

The current subsections 3, 4, and 5 would be renumbered to 4, 5, and 6.

RATIONALE:

Current practice, based on guidance from the Provost’s Office, is to exclude from service on the Post-Tenure Review Committee any faculty member going up for promotion to full Professor or undergoing post-tenure review. This motion would formalize that practice.