

Senate Meeting 2/18/09

Senators attending: Wood, Curtin, Clarke, Welsh, Rieck, Khazeh, Gilkey, Weaver, Walton, Scott, Shannon, O'Loughlin, Ludwick, DeWitt, Street, Parker, Robeck

Senators absent: Mc Dermott

1. Announcements from the Senate president.

Gavels the meeting to order at 3.30.

Announcement: Senator Shannon requests the 3 March meeting be postponed or canceled so the Senators can attend the Provost candidate.

The 3 March meeting is canceled.

2. Remarks from the Provost, Dr. Tom Jones.

Provost is at another meeting. No Remarks.

3. Approval of minutes from Senate Meetings of December 9, 2008 and 3 February, 2009.

First re-spell Khazeh's last name on line one & others. Also on page before last - says "in the past, some applicants sent their promotion files directly to the UPC."

Since motion was carried there were concerns about the promotion committee memberships. Should an Associate be evaluating their peers for full professorship?

Robeck: Correct the spelling of his name as well.

Minutes from 2/3 approved with amendments.

12/9 minutes taken off the table.

Motioned to approve as amended, seconded, no discussion.
All approved.

Motion to approve as amended, seconded.
Any discussion

4. Committee Reports.

Scott: Melissa Vogue is now the conduit for graduate admissions - she is in charge of all things graduate in admissions

5. Old Business: None.

6. New Business:

Pres. O'Loughlin acknowledges Kurt Ludwick.

Motion: "Approve the proposed "Policy on Student Academic Integrity" proposed by the Academic Policies Committee. (Senate floor sponsor: Senator Kurt Ludwick.)

Seconded.

Ludwick: The proposed policy is a result of an issue that faced the committee last spring due to a question of removal from a program (specifically a professional program). The revisions also clarify the language of the policy, particularly of the appeal aspect of the policy and the question of burden of proof. The revisions are needed partially because of possible legal issues for the university.

Opens to other members of the committee: Sandra Cohea-Weible (hereafter "APC" as she was a representative of the committee) stresses how the new policy reorganizes the information to make the steps clearer.

Discussion ensues. Concerning: timeline of cases and policy for reporting integrity issues, dismissal from departmental programs, question of appeals over the summer, questions of graduate vs. undergraduate programs (APC: The graduate part of the catalogue currently refers appeals to the APC and this policy, but we would forward our new policy to the grad council who would act as they saw fit).

Also questions on the appeal to the provost, and need for a form/detailed instructions for what is necessary on the Provost's web-site or similar easily accessible place.

Question on language – why collaboration is listed under plagiarism, answer that not necessarily intentional, which is why it is not under cheating part of description.

Sen. Clarke suggests adding language so that the notification would also go to the chair of the department.

Discussion follows. Chair vs. central location to hold documentation.
General desire to keep documentation in department office for 5 years.

Sen. Gilkey: Question over the faculty may contact the dean of students to determine whether the student was a previous offender.

Discussion follows on whether the implication remains for faculty to have the right to learn that information. Question arises on whether the sanction would be harder if a faculty member knew of a previous infringement – when the committee will often increase punishment for later infringements as well. Issue generates extensive debate. Question on whether to go back to committee? Note that if everyone fills out proper paperwork, the system can work without additional language.

Sen. O'Loughlin notes the pressing need to have a policy in place even if the details of what the faculty can learn are not solidified.

Sen. Parker says, if one asks and can't be told, the dean can simply say "I can't tell you that."

Motion is to approve the document as is.
Not adding dept chair as receiver of report.
No motion to call the question.

Scott: Makes motion we insert words on page 3 – "this form must be sent in a timely fashion to the dean of students, the chair of the department and the student."

Ludwick accepts as a friendly amendment.

Amendment approved.

All approving motion as amended. Aye. Passes unanimously.

APC: One other policy with this committee is re: the grievance policy. That is coming up shortly.

Also Pat Gotham, SGA president here. Wants to have a copy of the

document sent to the SGA.

7. Gavel Adjournment. 4.20

Attachments:

Draft Senate Meeting minutes for December 9, 2008 and February 3, 2009.

"Policy on Student Academic Integrity." Proposed revisions to academic integrity policy by the Academic Policies Committee