

Faculty Affairs Committee Report for September 2020 Meeting of the University Council

Timothy Grey chaired the initial committee meeting, and Janette Hill was elected to serve as the new chair on August 24th. The committee recognized and thanked Dr. Grey for serving as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee FY20.

This year, topics for consideration by the committee include two items carried over from FY20: edits to the Academic Professionals Guidelines and Lecturer/Senior Lecturer Guidelines, both developed by ad hoc committees appointed by Dr. Sarah Covert, former Associate Vice President for instruction, who also provided comments on the documents prior to her leaving.

The Faculty Affairs Committee held three meetings in September: (1) a special meeting on September 9th to discuss two resolutions related to COVID-19 and faculty governance, both of which passed and will move forward to the President and University Council; (2) a regularly scheduled meeting on September 21st to discuss amendments to those resolutions as well as the Academic Professionals Guidelines; and (3) a special meeting on September 23rd to meet with Dean Shelley Nuss, a member of the MOTF and the PMAB, during which current COVID-19 efforts on campus were discussed. All three meetings in September were very productive and we will be presenting the resolutions at today's meeting of the University Council as New Business, pending 2/3 approval of Council members.

The next meeting of the FAC will occur in October (date to be determined). The agenda for that meeting includes continued discussion of Academic Professional and Lecturer/Senior Lecturer guidelines as well as Post-Tenure Review. The FAC welcomes suggestions or questions from the larger UC members for discussion/action items for the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Janette R. Hill, Chair