

University Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes: 28 February 2007

The Faculty Affairs Committee meet at 1:30 pm in SLC 253.

Members present: Bride, Butchart (chair); Capomacchia, Chinnan, Hilton, Keith, Lewis, Maltese, Merkle, Munneke, Norman, St. Pierre, Taha, and Vail. Also attending: Bob Boehmer and Jayne Smith.

I. At the meeting on 12 January 2007 the committee had recommended a number of changes to the Promotion and Tenure Guidelines document (the "Red Book"). Subsequent to that meeting, a new draft, with changes highlighted, was circulated to the committee. From the e-mail discussion, new issues arose that required action; the chair called for volunteers for a sub-committee which met in early February.

The work of that subcommittee was reported to the full committee. After full discussion, the committee recommended one final set of changes. The changes are to be crafted and the document recirculated within the next two weeks.

(Subsequent to the 28 February 2007 the final draft was circulated; after ten days, the chair asked for an e-mail vote, and on 22 March the chair announced that the vote had been unanimous in favor of the revised document, which was forwarded to the Executive Committee that same day).

II. The subcommittee for teaching evaluation, chaired by Prof. Capomacchia, reported to the full committee. The subcommittee had been charged to propose recommendations for fulfilling two of the recommendations proposed by the Task Force for General Education. The first of these, II.2.4, recommended creating a University-wide online course evaluation system; the second, II.2.5, recommended evaluating the academic rigor of UGA classes.

The committee considered the report in a full and frank discussion. It raised both technical issues about specific items in the proposed instrument and substantive issues. St. Pierre shared the work of a College of Education committee that has been charged to consider changes to the course evaluation instrument used in the college.

The committee agreed to study the sub-committee report further, to consider the College of Education draft evaluation instrument, and to return to the issue at the next meeting, scheduled for 28 March 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Butchart, Chair.