

Report of the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, Oct. 14 2016
At the University Council Meeting Nov. 16, 2016

Proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure were discussed, continuing discussions of last year. Main points of discussion were:
Language regarding preliminary approval for promotion to full professor, and consequences of a failed preliminary vote.

The need to add language about online instruction to the standards for teaching.

The need to clarify language about credit toward tenure or the length of the probationary period for instructors promoted to the tenure track.

The need to develop more clear procedures for the promotion of non-tenure-track faculty was discussed, continuing discussions of last year. Sarah Covert announced that she will appoint a committee to address this issue. Three FAC committee members volunteered to serve.

The committee discussed the issue of revising current guidelines on outside consulting, which may be too restrictive.

Discussions upcoming in tomorrow's meeting (Nov. 17) include more guidelines revisions, discussion of last year's report from the Committee on Post-Tenure Review, a potential motion adding non-academic-rank faculty to the FAC, and a possible motion about the consulting policy.

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