

University of Puget Sound PSC Committee

Minutes for Friday, September 8, 2017

Present: David Andresen, Denise Despres, Fred Hamel, Suzanne Holland, Amanda Mifflin, Jennifer Neighbors, Kris Bartanen, and PSC Faculty Senate liaison Tiffany MacBain.

- 1) The PSC meeting started at 1:05. The Faculty Senate liaison provided the PSC with a list of unfinished business from last year and standing charges from the Faculty By-Laws. The Faculty Senate meets September 18<sup>th</sup> to determine this year's PSC charges.
- 2) The PSC briefly discussed the order of departmental reviews and determined to provide reminders to department chairs whose programs are coming up in the rotation.
- 3) The PSC elected Amanda Mifflin as the new PSC Chairperson. The Chairperson sought feedback on committee priorities this year.
- 4) Despres handed out a document with abstracts from recent scholarship on gender, race, age, and other forms of bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching. The committee discussed the urgency of the issue, the importance of student enfranchisement, the departmental disparities in requirements for faculty review visitations, and the need for information on alternative evaluation methods currently in use at other institutions. David Anderson volunteered to research such alternatives.
- 5) The meeting concluded at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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