

University of Puget Sound PSC Committee

Minutes for Friday, December 1, 2017

Present: David Andresen, Denise Despres, Fred Hamel, Suzanne Holland, Amanda Mifflin, Andreas Madlung, Jennifer Neighbors

The PSC meeting started at 1:05 p.m.

- 1) The PSC discussed the principle of inclusion of sensitive matter in the minutes. Revised minutes of November 17th are forthcoming for consideration and approval.

- 2) The Diversity Committee is cooperating with the PSC on the issue of bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching. The PSC discussed how to frame the issues it has debated to provide a context for the Diversity Committee. The PSC has forwarded the articles and abstracts it has compiled on this issue for their review and welcomes their perspective. The PSC also discussed
 - A process for informed peer review of faculty teaching
 - Discipline-specific evaluations to acknowledge pedagogical differences
 - An SET on the model of Berkeley's that provides a selective menu of questions and includes a section on student self-assessment
 - A Change in the weight of the current forms in the evaluation process
 - An evaluation process that acknowledges the diversity of faculty teaching loads in the Core and lower-level classes
 - The need for an efficient method of student evaluation
 - The importance of student enfranchisement
 - The need for a mentoring system for junior and diversity faculty that separates teaching evaluation from the advancement process

The meeting concluded at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Despres