

Professional Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2018

Attending: Kris Bartanen, Pepa Lago-Grana, Fred Hamel, , Andreas Madlung, Amanda Mifflin, Paula Wilson

Absent: David Andresen, Jim Jasinski

The PSC reviewed a revised draft of the Evaluation Criteria and Standards for the Department of Hispanic Studies. The PSC made recommendations, and chair Madlung will send the recommendations to Hispanic Studies.

Provost Bartanen gave us a copy of draft language for tenure and promotion criteria being discussed by Faculty Senate for context. The language has been presented to the faculty for discussion, but not yet subject to a faculty vote.

The PSC reviewed a draft of boilerplate language prepared by Madlung to offer to departments to respond to common weaknesses identified during the PSC reviews of Departmental Evaluation Criteria and Standards. The PSC discussed whether to include a number of required peer-reviewed publications in the boilerplate language as evidence of sustained professional growth, or to assert that peer-reviewed scholarship represents the best evidence of sustained professional growth. Some PSC members were reticent to publish boilerplate language as a standard given the differences in departmental cultures around professional growth. There was some discussion about the role of the PSC. Is it to articulate a standard that a range of disciplines across campus can address? Is it to make sure that the standards across departments align with the Code? Or is it, in part, to interact with departments about their departmental guidelines?

Madlung suggested we save our boilerplate language for situated use with particular department reviews and for future discussion.

The PSC also reviewed the Evaluation Criteria and Standards for the History Department. One member of the PSC wondered why peer-reviewed publications were not included in the section describing evidence of professional growth. There was also some discussion about the section on community service. The PSC made a few suggestions for changes that Madlung will send to the History Department.

We ended our meeting at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Wilson