

Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee (PSC) Meeting, December 6, 2019

Present: David Andresen (Chair), Suzanne Holland, Jim Jasinski, Andreas Madlung, Jennifer Neighbors, George Tomlin, and Provost Laura Behling

Chair Andresen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Minutes for the 11/15/19 meetings were approved.

Decisions of the Dec. 6th Meeting

1. Request from Senate Task Force on Non-Tenure-Line Faculty regarding whether or not the Code allows for the creation of a new type of faculty position via *Chapter I part B Section II.b*. PSC determined that the Code is expansive enough to allow the creation of such faculty positions. We concur that the role of the faculty should be to provide input to the Provost in the creation of policies, contracts, and categories of non-tenure-line faculty—as bounded by the Code, the Faculty By-laws and other relevant governing documents.
2. Per discussion of the Senate charge to assess the process of *Student Evaluation of Teaching* forms (SETs), PSC discussed several ideas.
 - The issue of what *is* “effective feedback,” needs to be communicated to students; they need to be educated about the use of evidence.
 - Discussed the possibility of reframing the whole enterprise of evaluation forms, perhaps calling them *Student Feedback* forms or *Course Questionnaire*; educate about effectiveness.
 - Discussed the possibility of asking each department to design criteria for student feedback that would be most useful – discipline-specific, and then peg that to departmental student learning goals/assessment, instead of having individual faculty evaluation forms. There could be a standard set of questions across the university, as well as department-specific questions.
 - Discussed having *Student Feedback* forms specifically tied to departmental teaching excellence goals and respective departmental Criteria for Evaluation Document. PSC members agreed that there needs to be more reflectiveness and departmental collaboration to make collective teaching better.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

Submitted by: Suzanne Holland