

Minutes of Professional Standards Committee
February 8, 2012

Present: Kris Bartanen, Geoffrey Block, Alva Butcher (chair), Leon Grunberg, Andy Rex, Doug Sackman, and Seth Weinberger

The meeting was convened at 11:05 am in Wyatt 226.

Minutes for the January 25, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

After noting that next week is reserved for subcommittee meetings, the Chair turned the PSC's attention to the issue Dean Bartanen brought before the committee. Dean Bartanen asked the committee for guidance on a request by a tenured faculty member, who chose a streamlined review for his/her third-year review not to have the department chair serve as head officer because s/he believed the review by the head officer would be unfair. Dean Bartanen informed the committee that she had clarified to the evaluatee the available options that exist in the Faculty Code (for example, the evaluatee can call for a full review if s/he believed the streamlined review had been unfair or alternatively opt for a full review instead of a streamlined one). None of the available options were satisfactory to the evaluatee.

The Dean also reported that the head officer didn't think it set a good precedent for her/him to be replaced and believed s/he could conduct the evaluation fairly. The Dean then answered several questions from committee members.

Dean Bartanen left the meeting at 11:45 am so that the committee could discuss its recommendation. The PSC, after considering several options, agreed to recommend to Dean Bartanen that she call for a full review in this case as allowed in Chapter 3, Section 5(b) of the Faculty Code.

The committee adjourned at noon. Next full committee meeting is on February 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Grunberg