

Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee March 7, 2008

Present: Bodine, Edgoose, Fields, Share, Tomlin.

The meeting was convened at 1:05.

1) The minutes of February 22, 2008 were approved with minor revisions.

2) There were no announcements.

3) Charge # 15 – FAC Issues: “Streamlined” evaluations for long-term instructors; discussion of final wording for proposed Code Amendment.

The PSC returned to a discussion of the language that was drafted during its last meeting for the proposed Code amendment of Chapter III, section 5.a. After some deliberation we agreed on the following formal proposal. Changes to the current language of the Faculty Code are marked with italics:

Persons in the rank of associate professor who are not candidates for tenure or promotion and professors in years 5, 15, 25, *and 35* of service in that rank may elect to bypass the procedures for evaluation detailed in Chapter III, section 4 and have their next scheduled review conducted by the head officer and dean under the procedures described in this section. *Instructors who have served 17 years or more in that rank may establish an alternating schedule of full and alternative reviews in consultation with the head officer and the dean under the procedures described in this section.*

PSC Chair Tomlin will send this proposed Code amendment to the Faculty Senate Chair. It will have its first reading at the full faculty meeting of March 11, 2008.

It was noted that, pending the passage of the amendment by faculty and trustees, pages 18 and 19 of the buff document will require a revision. It was suggested to add the sentence “*Instructors who have served 17 years or more in that rank may establish an alternating schedule of full and alternative reviews in consultation with the head officer and the dean under the procedures described in this section.*” after the third sentence of the first paragraph of page 18.

4) List of PSC Charges from Faculty Senate

Chair Tomlin handed out an updated list with PSC charges for AY 07-08. With respect to its ongoing tasks, it was remarked that the School of Music and the Programs of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy might submit a revision of their Evaluation Criteria and Standards this spring.

5) Charge # 3: “Housekeeping” in Code Interpretations

It was noted that one of the open tasks is concerned with changing the language of “spouse” and “mate” in existing Code amendments to “partner.” After some discussion, we agreed that a new

Code Interpretation appears the best way to achieve this change and drafted the following language for such an interpretation:

In accordance with current Code language, all references to “spouse” or “mate” in existing interpretations shall be understood to mean “partner.”

Discussion of this will continue at the next meeting of the PSC.

We adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sigrun Bodine