

## **Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee**

**February 19, 2010**

**Present:** Rob Beezer, Geoffrey Block, Alva Butcher, Barry Goldstein, William Haltom (chair)

**Convened:** The meeting convened at 2:04 p.m. in Wyatt 226.

### **Minutes:**

The committee approved the minutes of February 12, 2010 as amended.

In response to a charge from the Faculty Senate regarding issues raised in recent year-end Faculty Advancement Committee reports to the Senate, the Professional Standards Committee discussed details relating to its invitation from the Chair to FAC members who served during the academic years 2007-08 and 2008-09.

The PSC decided that those invited will have the option of either meeting with the PSC directly or submitting a written response to seven questions generated in response to the year-end FAC reports submitted in May 2008 and May 2009. Four of the questions were prompted by the statement that referred to “more guarded letters being submitted, particularly by junior faculty though also by some senior colleagues,” and three questions were prompted by the reference in the reports to a “general reluctance by some to weigh in on change of status evaluations” (please refer to the PSC minutes of February 12, 2010 for more details on the issues raised by these reports).

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Block