

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

**March 26, 2010**

**Present:** Kris Bartanen, Rob Beezer, Geoffrey Block, Alva Butcher, Jo Crane, Barry Goldstein, William Haltom (chair), Lisa Fortlouis Wood

**Convened:** The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. in Wyatt 226.

### **Minutes**

1. The committee reviewed our discussion with former FAC members that took place on March 5, 2010. This meeting was in reference to the Senate's charge "to consult with members of the FAC since 2005 about the impact of the 2005 decision by faculty to allow open tenure files" (please refer to the PSC minutes dated Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 2010 for the charge and the issues raised). The PSC concluded that no confidential information was divulged and that the general topic of faculty evaluation warrants further discussion with the Faculty. Chair Haltom will draft a summary and submit it to the Senate.
2. At the meeting, the committee received a response from George Tomlin and the OT program regarding the role of the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator (a staff member) in the program's faculty evaluations. After a cursory reading, the PSC is still concerned about the implications and liability of allowing a staff member to participate in the deliberative process of a faculty member's evaluation. The committee wanted more time to carefully review OT's response, so we decided to discuss the matter in more detail at the next meeting.
3. In order to allow PT faculty evaluations to proceed, the committee decided to separate the OT/PT evaluation guidelines and vote on the PT portion next week.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Crane