

Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee

September 18, 2009

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

Absent: Alva Butcher

Convened: The meeting convened at 2:00 P.M. in Wyatt 226.

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the September 11, 2009 meeting were approved without changes.
2. Minutes of the May 1, 2009 meeting were approved without changes.
3. An inquiry was made by a faculty member, through Dean Bartanen, about relatives of instructors (other than a spouse or children) enrolled in their own courses. Goldstein described the recommendation of a subcommittee (Goldstein, Crane, Butcher): in situations similar to that described for spouses and children (Faculty Code Appendix, Interpretation: "Spouses/Children Taking Courses from Faculty," 3 November 1986) faculty should use their own discretion in choosing to apply the recommendations specified in the Faculty Code interpretation. This was accepted by the full committee as an informal interpretation, with Bartanen abstaining.
4. Discussion of business remaining from last year led the committee to the matter of the status of faculty denied tenure yet still employed. It was decided that the question of the rights and responsibilities of such faculty had been settled, as described in the May 1, 2009 minutes. This left the allied matter of the clarity of the definitions at the beginning of the Faculty Code relative to "tenure-line" and "non-tenure-line" faculty. This will be sent to the Faculty Senate for their consideration.

Adjourned: at 2:54 P.M.

Rob Beezer