

Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee
October 23, 2006

PRESENT: Kris Bartanen, Sigrun Bodine, Doug Cannon, Julian Edgoose, Karl Fields,
Grace Kirchner, Don Share

Share convened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting will be approved next time.

Dean Bartanen asked that the committee consider standards for early tenure this year.

Communication Studies evaluation standards are still under review by their
subcommittee.

Politics and Government evaluation standards have been approved as revised.

PSC returned to a discussion about departmental evaluation guidelines. It was noted that
department evaluation standard documents differ in their procedures, as was illustrated by
some further research done by one PSC member into the variations in departmental
evaluation standards.

The PSC then continued its deliberations on the Foreign Language and Literature
evaluation guidelines.

The PSC then considered whether individual department guidelines should define
procedures. The Code states that departments should establish "criteria" and "standards"
but does not specify setting different procedures. The terms "criteria" and "standards"
were defined by one PSC member as "what?" and "how much?" respectively. Two
possibilities were floated initially: either the PSC could send its concerns about this issue
to the Senate, or the PSC could issue a formal interpretation of the Code.

It was decided to return to this question next week, along with a discussion of the
Education and Communications Studies evaluation standards.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julian Edgoose