

Professional Standards Committee Minutes
February 2, 2006

Members present: Kris Bartanen, Bill Breitenbach, Karl Fields, Grace Kirchner, Sarah Moore, John Riegsecker, Don Share, Carolyn Weisz.

Chair Weisz called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. The minutes of January 26, 2006 were approved.

Weisz reported that she had responded to the Diversity Committee's request for feedback on the proposed language they would like to include in the "Buff Document." It will be on our agenda later this year. Bartanen reported that there were additional items to be included in that document from the FAC and elsewhere.

Weisz said there had been a request to have a side-by-side version of the code amendments, but that the extensive rearranging made that infeasible.

Weisz and Breitenbach reported on the faculty meeting. They said that after the meeting there was some support voiced for a version of the first amendment (Hearing board members are to treat the proceedings as confidential) calling for the information learned to be treated as confidential without restricting it to hearing board members. There was some discussion on the importance of the distinction between process and information. It is the information learned that should be kept confidential, not the process or procedures of the hearing. The PSC agreed to return to the question of confidentiality at a later date.

The PSC then turned its attention to Section 7i-7j. The discussion centered around who should receive the file when the hearing board has finished its work and who should be notified when the hearing board has finished its work. Weisz will draft revisions for the next meeting.

We will also discuss the definition of tenure-line faculty at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Riegsecker