

Professional Standards Committee Minutes
March 4, 2005

Members present: Bill Breitenbach, Kris Bartanen, Sue Hannaford, Grace Kirchner, Sarah Moore, John Riegsecker, and Keith Ward

The meeting was called to order at 11:00

The minutes for the February 25 meeting were approved as corrected.

The committee voted to approve Comparative Sociology department's revision of its evaluation guidelines.

Breitenbach then alerted the committee to a request from the faculty Senate to provide feedback on several issues related to evaluation and governance of faculty. Dean Bartanen further explained that at the February 28 meeting of the Senate several senators had brought a working document to guide the Senate's ongoing discussion of that issue, and that after some discussion the Senate voted to refer several of the questions laid out in the working document to the PSC. Committee members agreed to review the document and discuss the questions at an upcoming meeting.

Breitenbach then turned the conversation to the committee's ongoing discussion of the portion of the faculty code detailing procedures for hearing boards (Chapter III, sections 6 and 7). The committee spent the duration of the hour discussing potential problems in the code language, with particular attention to the effect of the recent code revision requiring appeals to be raised incrementally during the evaluation process rather than in a single appeal following the Faculty Advancement Committee's action.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Susannah Hannaford