

**Professional Standards Committee Minutes  
February 21, 1997**

**Present:** Block, Breitenbach (chair), Cooney, Hale, Miller, Sorensen, Taranovski

Breitenbach called the meeting to order shortly after 2:00 p.m. and the minutes were approved with corrections.

**Announcements:**

- 1) It was noted that a code interpretation which the PSC deemed "of significant merit" has been forwarded to the Faculty Senate in accordance with Faculty Code, Chapter 1, Part F, Sections 1 and 2.
- 2) The Faculty Code Committee has requested an information gathering meeting with the PSC to help them discover and detect ambiguities, inconsistencies, or any perceived Code problems.

The Academic Vice President reported on several matters of interest to the PSC.

After the Committee agreed to postpone considering the Old Business of laboratory experiment protocols, the meeting moved on to discuss cases in the Code where conflicts of interest might arise regarding the Academic Vice President. Truth be told, the Committee did not get too far with this, but several questions arose and remained unresolved: (1) Do any conflicts arise where the Academic Vice President is in a position of having to judge his or her own decision?; (2) In Chapter 3, Section 8b, when the Code states that "the University shall be represented by a person or persons designated by the dean" was its intent to allow the possibility that the dean could designate the dean?; and (3) Also in Section 8b, the question arose, "Who or what is meant by the designation, "University" (the Dean, the appellant's department, the FAC, the President)?

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Block