Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting
February 14, 2008
Manners Room, RCB

Minutes

Present: Jeff Ashby, Chip Barksdale, Dean Dabney, Cheryl Delk, Valerie Fennell, Mary Finn, Nancy Floyd, Laura Fredrick, Mary Ann Gaunt, Lynda Goodfellow, Cece Grindel, Kerry Hayward (guest), Beth Jones, Peter Lindsay, Ruth Stanford, and Cherian Thachenkary

Call to Order: C. Grindel called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Minutes of 1/16/2008: The minutes of January 16 were approved.

FIMS and Rollover of Student Information (IP reporting System) M. Gaunt informed the committee that a member of her faculty in the COE had experienced some difficulty in moving student information from one year to the next when using the system. He was having to cut and paste; however, this person has since discovered an icon at the bottom of the page that will facilitate the process. M. Gaunt wanted to pass on this information to the FAC in case anyone else was having the same difficulty.

Presidential Search Process: C. Grindel read the list of committee members for this search. She also said that she would send electronic copies to members of the FAC should they wish to have copies. The search process should be completed by June. Committee members should refer any questions they might have on this issue to P. Alberto.

Duty to Report Criminal Charges Policy: D. Dabney noted that "Criminal Determinations" is not quite clear and suggested that a note stating, e.g., dismissal or acquittal be added next to the phrase. The idea is to indicate the complete resolution of the matter. K. Heyward agreed and said this change will be made. The policy was approved with the amendment. It will now go to the Senate.

Student Code of Conduct & Amorous Relationships Policies: C. Delk said that there were two changes made by the Joint Review Subcommittee of this policy. They were:

- change the title of the policy to make it consistent with the same policy contained within the Faculty Handbook, and
- change the numbering in the policy to make it consistent with the same policy contained within the Faculty Handbook.

These changes were approved by the FAC.

D. Dabney pointed out to the committee that the amorous relations policy at GSU is vague and insufficient. He moved that the policy be revised to include:

"any person in authority who commences an amorous relationship with a person currently under his/her supervision or who commences an amorous relationship with an individual where
there is foreseeable expectation of a power advantage shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the Faculty Handbook"
Mike Raderstorf, Director of Emergency Management, will be visiting the FAC during its March meeting.

Regarding the issue of faculty still being required to use their SSN's when accessing Gosolar, C. Grindel said that IS&T reported that this process will be switched over to Panther numbers when the PAWS system is in place.

It was suggested by V. Fennell in her Ombudsman report that all newly appointed chairs attend an outside training session. C. Grindel said that this suggestion was passed on to Provost Henry to which he responded that it will be taken into consideration.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.