Faculty Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities (FRPR) Committee March 2, 2015 Minutes

Present: Rick Hale, Nancy Kinnersley, Kirk McClure, Amalia Monroe-Gulick, Jan

Sheldon, Jim Thorp, and Jerry Mikkelson

Absent: Mario Medina, Laura Hines

I. Approval of February 16, 2015 minutes Amalia moved to approve the February 16th minutes, and Kirk seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved

II. Updates

a. Core Curriculum Survey

We discussed the Core Curriculum Survey and whether University Governance should send out the survey prepared by OIRP. Amalia indicated that she is able to develop the survey and can send it out. Survey results could then be sent directly to an account that only our committee could access. Jan will ask University governance (Kathy Reed) to send Amalia the contact email list for university faculty so that Amalia can send out the survey.

b. Social Media Policy

On February 25, 2014, I emailed Jonathan Mayhew and Jim Carothers (and copied Kathy Reed and Molly Mulloy) our suggested revisions to the Social Media Policy Procedures. Jonathan emailed me the next day indicating that he and Jim had met with the Provost that day (February 26th) and that the Provost was open to some changes that would address the majority of our concerns. Jonathan does not have the final version of the procedure that incorporates the new language, but he hopes to have it by Tuesday, March 3rd, so that SenEx can review it and pass it along to the full University Senate at the next meeting.

Our committee discussed this. Jerry will make a motion at the University Senate meeting on Thursday asking that our proposal be accepted. Rick worries that there may be a split among governance and that it might be best if a unified proposal was presented.

c. Faculty Code of Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct

Jim Carothers called me on Friday, February 27th, to talk about the Code. He has been working on it. After talking with Rachel Rolf from the General Counsel's office, Jim said that he had an idea that the language in the Code should refer to the Chancellor rather than the Provost. Rachel indicated that would be in compliance with Board of Regents policy. Jim emailed me this morning indicating that he has received "approval" from Faculty Senate and the Provost to use the language "subject to the authority of the Chancellor." The Code and the Social Media Policy Procedure will be discussed at the SenEx meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd.

III. Faculty responsibilities regarding sexual harassment and discrimination

Our committee is having difficulty understanding what we should be addressing with respect to this charge. As we understand the current policy, faculty are mandated reporters. We are not sure what additionally we should do if we become aware of a situation involving sexual harassment or sexual discrimination. Jan will email Jim Carothers and ask for clarification regarding this charge.

IV. Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 23rd at 2:15. Jerry will be unable to attend because he will be returning from Montreal on Monday at this time. We will start at 2:15 since Kirk needs to leave by 3:45 to attend a meeting at City Hall at 4 pm.