

University Constitution Committee

February 16, 2005

12:30-2:00pm

354 Tigert Hall

Attendees:

Patricia Craddock
Chris Snodgrass, *Chair*
Kim Tanzer
Barbara Wingo
Danaya Wright

Meeting was called to order at 12:39 pm.

Barbara Wingo passed out a copy of notices of proposed rulemaking which will be published Friday or thereabouts to allow for a notice of hearing, if necessary. Anyone who may be affected ~~to~~ may contact the General Counsel's office either to ask for a hearing or to make responses in writing. Any comments from affected parties must be considered before the rule is promulgated.

Barbara Wingo will distribute via email and discuss at the next scheduled meeting the rules that will be affected due to the changes in the Tenure Recommendations. The AFTPRS Committee Recommendations will be voted on at the Faculty Senate meeting on 2/17/2005. If they are passed three rules will be affected. Because these rules will affect faculty they will not be noticed until after the next Constitution meeting but will be at the next hearing in April 2005.

The members present then reviewed the documents of proposed rule changes to determine those that will affect faculty in any manner and regarding which the Committee may want to make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate.

Those rules that affect faculty include:

6C1-1.0063	
6C1-1.200	6C1-3.051
6C1-1.201	6C1-3.056
6C1-2.001	6C1-3.057
6C1-2.0031	6C1-3.058
6C1-3.0051	6C1-4.016
6C1-3.007	6C1-4.017
6C1-3.0422	6C1-4.0211
6C1-3.049	6C1-5.0763
6C1-3.050	6C1-6.011

These will be noticed in the Gainesville Sun as well as by a letter sent to all Deans, Chairs and Department Heads.

Sustainability Committee:

Chris Snodgrass sent a letter to Les Thiele, Chair of the Sustainability Committee asking for

details on the Committee being set up as a permanent Committee. This can be addressed at the March meeting.

Kim Tanzer will write up possible constitution/bylaw language, including addressing the Committee's responsibilities, and will discuss it with the Sustainability Committee before emailing it to the Constitution Committee. If that can all be done and approved by the Constitution Committee before March 10 (the deadline for posting information items on the Senate agenda), the Sustainability Committee will be discussed as an Information Item at the March Faculty Senate meeting.

Policy Councils:

Policy Councils are still determining their roles. Kim Tanzer drafted language. Patricia Craddock suggested including a section (in the Preamble) stating that these Policy Councils can initiate or refer action. Pat and Danaya Wright will send a new draft to the Committee for review and revision, based on Kim's draft. Should not specifically define the Contributing Committees because they are still being determined and could change. New language in the By-Laws will incorporate those. Language must be posted by March 10, 2005 in order to present as an information item at the next Steering/Faculty Senate meeting.

Compensation Committee:

Chris Snodgrass presented a draft, based on what the Compensation Committee requested. Provided for membership of 12 elected faculty members. Some revisions to the language drafted and presented. Chris will type up the final version and distribute via email for proofing. Will be posted by March 10.

Upcoming Work:

Barbara Wingo will draft language implementing the new approved provisions of the Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Professional Standards Committee.

Danaya Wright will be responsible for drafting language on the Tenure Committee Recommendations. Barbara Wingo will send those to her to begin revision. By March 31, 2005, each College will decide whether it will recommend that its probationary period for tenure be six years or seven years.

Friday afternoons seem to be the preferred time for the next Constitution Committee meeting. Chris will confirm the exact date and time by email.

Meeting was Adjourned at 2:29 pm