

FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
3:00-5:00 PM – CLC 206, WTC

Members Present: Battaglia, G. (video); Classen, T.; Conley, J.; Conway-Phillips, R. (video); J.; Friend, P. (video); Gillespie, L.; Graham, D.; Jellish, S. (video); Keller, R.; Knight, A.; Langman, L; Lash, N.; McNulty, J. (video); Morrison, D. (for Bohanon); Ramsey, G.; Ruppman, T.; Shoenberger, A.; Singh, S.; Wantuch, E. (video)

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by Gordon Ramsey.
2. Approval of October minutes. Moved: Lash; Seconded: Conley. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Chair's Report:
 - a. Status of issues: Faculty Council role; Faculty Handbook
 - b. FC Representative distributions (revisit)
 - c. Task force for CAS future: Considerations for FAC and AAC
 - d. IDEA study – AAC of FC
 - e. Visitor schedules: L. Brubaker (Dec), T. Kelly (Jan)
4. Report from University Senate: T. Classen
 - Met on Oct. 31 in which they discussed hiring a Chief Diversity Officer and an office for returning veterans.
 - New University Senate by-laws refer to the “extraordinary” committee which will replace the FAUPC and will be made up of faculty on the University Senate.
 - Changes to the by-laws were passed, so the Chair of FC is now an ex-officio member of the University Senate.
 - There was discussion about the role of Faculty Council in the “extraordinary” committee, which will be continued today at FC.
5. Report from HSD: G. Battaglia, J. McNulty
 - Could FC ask Dean Brubaker, before her visit next month, to provide some information related to the motion that was passed in April? Ramsey indicated he has done that but will ask again for that to be provided prior to the meeting.
 - Battaglia will try to summarize the BSI plan for FC before the next meeting.
6. Discussion of FC role in governance (see issues below); Faculty Handbook revisions (attached)
 - How do we work with the University Senate “extraordinary” committee to have at least equal input to the President on the Faculty Handbook issues and other things that were previously under the jurisdiction of the FAUPC?

1. The Faculty Handbook is not an item of general University interest and should not be a matter under consideration for the University Senate.
2. Point #5 of the Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Handbook needs to be rewritten to change in particular the language that refers to the University Senate as the “primary organization for University shared governance.” The Faculty Council should be on equal footing with the University Senate, Staff Council and USGA.
3. What is the purpose of the “extraordinary” committee? It is to replace the FAUPC.
4. Can we have an addition that says something like “for Faculty issues, Faculty Council will be the primary body”?
5. Graham: **Motion that Faculty Council be the representative body for input on any changes to the Faculty Handbook.** (Include examples of specific faculty issues. Example of an issue that affects all employees of the University but which was not discussed at University Senate: change to TransAmerica.) Langman seconded the motion. Discussion of the motion.
6. What does AAUP suggest? AAUP is in agreement with Faculty Council and the faculty on the University Senate that FC should be the primary body for issues solely concerning to faculty.
7. Refer to page 73 of the current Faculty Handbook for current language on amendments to the Handbook.
8. Amended motion, is an independent body representing Faculty
9. Addition to the motion: Shoenberger: **No changes can be made without prior consultation with the Faculty Council.**
10. **Motion that Faculty Council be the representative body for input on any changes to the Faculty Handbook. No changes can be made without prior consultation with the Faculty Council. Vote: For - 18 Against - 0 Abstain – 1**
11. Statement in #5 “The University Senate replaces the Shared Governance UPC....” It does not. A subcommittee replaces the UPC.
12. Motion to change the language of the proposed amendments from the administration: The FC and the “extraordinary” committee of the US will be the bodies that consider issues of faculty interest. Shoenberger: Motion to change the currently proposed language in the first sentence to: **The Administration, The FC and the “extraordinary” committee of the US propose amendments to the LUC Faculty Handbook.** For clarifying purposes, the FC will work on specific wording of the following proposed amendments. Graham seconded. **Vote For - 17 Against - 0 Abstain – 2**
13. The Faculty Affairs committee should meet to discuss specifics of the proposed amendments.

14. Ramsey will send the motions to the President, the Provost, the President of the University Senate, and the Chair of the AAUP chapter.

7. Other business:

8. Motion to adjourn: Moved: Lash; Seconded: Graham. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Tracy Ruppman, Secretary