

Faculty Affairs Committee
Minutes: Monday, October 20, 2014
3:30 PM, IAB Library, Room 311-C Irving Building, UAF

Present: Elizabeth Allman, Chris Fallen, Bella Gerlich (Ex officio), Galen Johnson, Leslie McCartney, Walter Skya, David Valentine

Guests: Debu Misra

Minutes:

September 29, 2014 Minutes approved.

Department Chair Policy Revisions:

Debu gave some background as to why revisions to the Department Chair Policy are being proposed. Under the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), department chairs are faculty members. In the past some faculty have been elected chairs then their position has changed to one of administrator which then removes them from the bargaining unit. Faculty who elected a faculty to be Department Chair believed that faculty would stay as faculty to represent them but were then moved to administration. Some faculty met with Debu to look at revising the Department Chair Policy.

A revised policy was drafted and the Chancellor objected to some of the language in the policy (specifically naming the unions involved). The Faculty Affairs Committee is now responsible for drafting up another Department Chair Policy.

The committee then reviewed the latest draft and made the following decisions:

Page 1C – will - accepted

1D – required and be - accepted

2A1 – comma between preparation offering and assessment of the academic program

2A4 – accept revision offered (and other necessary documents)

2C1 – advise - accepted

3B – accept proposed yellow revision

3C – 1 st sentence okay. 2nd sentence is 'Only in exceptional circumstances should there be deviation from this policy as asserted by the majority of faculty. Do not accept bolded changes.

3F1 – delete as noted

3F2 – to tenured faculty member who is eligible to vote as a UAF faculty member in any department. Delete yellow part to Agreements

The Committee decided that we should not rush through this; we need take our time as this policy is very important. We will look at it again next meeting.

A Doodle poll will be sent out for meeting next month.

Meeting adjourned.