

Faculty Affairs Committee
Minutes: Monday, September 29, 2014
2:30 PM, IAB Library, Room 311-C Irving Building, UAF

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

Guests: Bill Bristow, Debu Misra

Minutes:

September 2, 2014 Minutes approved.

Joint Appointments ad-hoc Committee:

Bill Bristow said this committee was formed two years ago. Their charge was to recommend policy to evaluate faculty with joint appointments. This policy will go into new Blue Book; the previous Blue Book does not contain much about joint appointments so there needs to be more about this in the regulations. All those on this Committee held joint appointments. Bill reviewed the different types of appointments and said that the policy that was written needed to be accepted by administration. The biggest issue was the desire to have the evaluation committee of a faculty member be representative of their appointment. Three new definitions were put forth in their final report and a new category put in the tenure track for joint appointments. Minimum academic appointment is 25% which equals 1 course to be taught per year. It is up to the Dean to negotiate between colleges and how the evaluation committee is to be made up. The policy also outlines evaluations and responsibilities.

Old Business:

The FAC by-laws need to be reviewed. The by-laws should separate out scope, voting procedures and who can be a member. If the following sentence is to be kept, 'The committee will act as a faculty advocate with legislators and candidates' the word candidates needs to be defined. The Committee's role should be to bring issues and possible solutions to Faculty Senate. Chris and Galen will look at the by-laws and propose revisions.

Faculty Alliance is trying to develop a relationship and enhance lines of communication with the Board of Regents. Several Regents will be stepping down in the near future. Faculty alliance is drafting a memo to Governor Sean Parnell and Bill Walker urging them to look for key characteristics in new Regent appointments.

New Business:

Everyone is to review the Joint Appointments Final Report. We will discuss this online and then give our recommendations to Cecile.

Revision of Department Chair Policy needs to be completed. Elizabeth is to contact the department chairs to get their input (sending the monochrome copy and existing policy so they can compare the two). Elizabeth will have their responses by our next meeting so we can complete this task.

Other Business:

The notion of a faculty regent is to be discussed at our next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 20, 2014. A Doodle Poll will be send around to confirm the time.