

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
UAF FACULTY SENATE UNIT CRITERIA COMMITTEE  
April 14, 2015  
2:30-3:30 PM  
Rasmuson Library 602  
1-800-893-8850  
Participants' PIN: 5336747

Attending:

Chris Coffman (chair), Chris Hartman, David Maxwell; a quorum was not achieved.

Guests from Department of Justice (DoJ) :

Mike Daku, Rob Duck, Jeff May

- I. Housekeeping
  - A. Selection of Note-Taker  
David Maxwell
  - B. Approval of Agenda  
Approved unanimously.
  - C. Approval of Minutes from 3/31/15 Meeting  
Approved Unanimously
- II. Justice Proposed Unit Criteria (Revised)  
Guest from Justice TBA

Susan Henrichs provided suggested language for section C.1.a concerning confidential/ proprietary work. The attending guests from DoJ thought this language was fair and reasonable and will adopt it.

There was some discussion that there should perhaps be some language in the criteria to clarify the fact that frequently the right journal for publication is, e.g., Alaska-specific and will have a lower citation count or impact factor than other journals and this should be taken into account when judging a work's quality. DoJ to draft new language before next meeting.

Susan Henrichs had suggested language in C.2.0 be deleted because it duplicates that of C.1.a and because students are less likely to be involved in confidential work. DoJ suggests this may not be true. Maxwell suggests deleting the current language and pointing back to C.1.a. DoJ to do this in the next draft.

Hartman notes that the additions C.1.E-C.1.H constitute a meaningful change to the template. At issues is really the lousy phrase "Whatever the contribution, research, scholarly or creative activities must have one or more of the following characteristics:" in the template immediately preceding C.1.a. Looking at the Communications Unit Criteria for

inspiration, it is decided that there should be a sentence that separates E-H from a-d to deal with the template issue and to clarify the intent of E-H.

There was a lengthy discussion of item C.2.P concerning conference presentations, especially at practitioner-based conferences. DoJ strongly feels this often rises to the level of research. Hartman wonders if this is research at all and notes that this isn't considered research (or anything else) in the Math or CS unit criteria. Maxwell thinks that this is an oversight for Math (and maybe CS). There is consensus that presentation of new ideas (preferably the speaker's ideas) is a threshold that can be used to detect research talks (vs. service talks). It is proposed to change "*PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC*" to "*PRESENTATION OF ORIGINAL RESEACH AT ACADEMIC*". DoJ approved of this language.

Maxwell notes that the previous meeting had come to the conclusion that item C.2.Q should be moved to service, but it was still present under research. DoJ describes ways in which organizing conferences can generate new research. The committee observes that similar activities in other disciplines are seen as professional service. DoJ agrees to move this item out of research, and perhaps add language to item D.3.e.

### III. Rules for Primacy of Unit Criteria

We ran out of time prior to discussing this issue.

We next meeting April 28.

Meeting adjourned.