

University of Pittsburgh Senate Tenure and Academic Freedom Standing Committee

Meeting Minutes November 7, 2012 Room 1201 Cathedral of Learning

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Rose Constantino at 10:04 AM in 1201 CL, and the minutes from May 2012 and September 2012 were unanimously approved.

2. Welcome, roll call and Introduction of new members.

Present: Elected members attending were Rose Constantino, Lisa Borghesi, Barry Gold, John Mendeloff, Maria Kovacs, and Hassan Takabi. Rebecca Hughey and Rakesh Sindhi attended pro-tem. Thomas C. Smitherman attended in his role as President of the University Senate.

3. Announcements: The presentation by Irene Freeze, Chair of the Senate Anti-Discriminatory Policy committee, regarding TAFC input on a report re: Non-tenure stream Faculty Subcommittee was postponed to 13 November.

4. Subcommittee reports:

- a. Hughey/Kovacs; Hügey/Borghesi: Two cases from the Oakland campus, School of Medicine were completed; the findings were presented, discussed, and approved
- b. Gold; Borghesi for Federspiel/Frank: Two ongoing cases in the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences were briefly discussed – both involve junior faculty denied tenure/promotion, which are in the process of appeal by the affected parties.
- c. Borghesi for McGough: One case from School of Medicine, was determined to be outside of the purview of TAFC.
- d. Borghesi: A new case was briefly noted involving loss of space of faculty.

5. Approval of TAFC Mission Statement

The mission statement was discussed and some minor issues were raised. M. Kovacs agreed to edit the existing statement in light of the issues that were raised and to forward it to the TAFC committee for further input.

Ongoing business.

The Faculty Composition report, AY 2011-2012 is being prepared for discussion.

Attendees were reminded to review, for later discussion, as per Dr. Smitherman's request, the various documents on Academic Freedom, available at the Provost's web pages.

7. Matters Arising

The date of the next meeting will be scheduled to occur during the first 2 weeks of December. This is to be followed up by L. Molinaro.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Kovacs

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