

Faculty Concerns Committee Minutes

November 22, 2011, 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ernce (chmn.), Philpot(secy.), Pardue, Hong, Lyman (substitute), Shi, Goss, Brinson, Wallace, Cahoj, Hudson, Flynn, Blevins, Shain, Crafts, Sedaghat-Herati, Jutla, Kim, Redd, Wang, Wickham, Jackson-Brown, Herr

Members Absent: Foster, Dyer, Satzinger, Olson, Kachel, Johnston, Hawkins, Hulgus, Dunlop, Craig, Franklin, Farmer, Visio, Webb, Gartin, Scott, Mitchell, Sobel, Strong, Unnamed-DS, Unnamed-MS, Walker

Meeting called to order by Chmn. Ernce.

October minutes approved on a Redd/Goss motion.

Chmn. Ernce reviewed two charges before the committee to be addressed by subcommittees:

Examination of promotion/tenure portfolio bulk and practices: it was reported that the subcommittee had begun its work.

Examination of practices regarding outsourcing of online courses: It was reported that this subcommittee had not yet begun work.

There was no old business.

In new business, Chmn. Ernce discussed the department conditions survey being conducted by the Provost's office. The FCC produces the narrative report based on the numbers. FCC members were reminded to ensure that their colleagues received the survey link and to encourage their colleagues to complete the survey. There were reports of a few faculty not receiving the survey link. Chmn. Ernce acknowledged the ongoing problem of faculty distribution lists, and encouraged faculty to report problems to Sandra in the Faculty Senate office. Chmn. Ernce solicited volunteers to serve on the subcommittee writing this report. After much strained and uncomfortable silence from the committee members, Secy. Philpot volunteered to work on this project and indicated possibly using draconian methods to enlist additional help.

In additional new business, Secy. Philpot noted that it would be good to ask the Faculty Senate to move future November meetings of the FCC to the week prior to Thanksgiving break.

Mbr. Redd also noted that it might be advantageous to the committee to re-schedule the January 2012 meeting, in light of the fact that classes are scheduled to begin the day prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned on a Redd/Cahoj motion.