

Faculty Concerns Committee Minutes

March 27, 2012

Members Present: Ernce (Chmn.), Philpot (Secy.), Gartin, Jackson-Brown, Lyman, Brinson, Hawkins, Jutla, Goss, Wallace, Shain, Visio, Herr, Acuna-Zumbado, Foster, Strong, Hudson, Scott, Hong, Wang, Shi, Kim, Johnston, Pardue, Wickham, Flynn, Cahoj

Members Absent: Everybody else

Meeting called to order by Chmn. Ernce.

February minutes approved on a Jackson-Brown/Hawknins Motion.

Mbr. Lyman presented the report on the work and findings of the subcommittee studying P&T binders. The subcommittee's conclusion is that the departments are in the best position to decide what is appropriate to include in a P&T package, and any such policy should be left to the departments.

Mbr. Hawkins had no report from the subcommittee reviewing online offerings, but sought clarification as to the purpose of the subcommittee, given that there appears to be little guiding university policy or strategy regarding online courses.

Chmn. Ernce reviewed draft of department conditions surveys.

There was some discussion of whether to report mean findings for low-response departments. The present draft report omits departments with fewer than five responses. Some committee members expressed concern about changing the understood procedure without telling the faculty respondents initially. Other committee members point out that small departments may produce useful data with few responses.

The committee asked for Secy. Philpot to review the data and agreed to consider the reporting issue after such review with the intention of submitting the report to the Faculty Senate at its next meeting.

Chmn. Ernce announced that the committee needs a chairperson and secretary for next year, and that interested persons should contact him or Secy. Philpot.

The meeting adjourned on a Wallace motion.