Faculty Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Mitu Ashraf's Virtual Room https://uncp.webex.com/meet/ashraf

Committee Charge: The Committee on Faculty Governance shall review and interpret the Faculty Constitution, the By-laws of the Faculty Senate, and rules of order for the conduct of Senate business. Changes in any of these areas that are approved by this committee are brought, by the Committee Chair, directly to the Senate for its action."

Members present: Mitu Ashraf, Former Senator and Chair; David Young, Former Senator and Secretary; Aaron Vandermeer, Former Senator; Mabel Rivera, Unrestricted; Robin Snead, Unrestricted; Sherry Edwards, Former Senator; Ottis Murray, Former Senator; Gary Anderson, Unrestricted; Carla Rokes, Unrestricted

Members absent: None

Also attending were: Joe West

Recording Secretary: David Young

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Faculty Governance Committee Chair @ 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2022 [Appendix A]

The minutes of the September 27, 2022 Faculty Governance Committee were approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the January 24, 2023 Faculty Governance Committee meeting was approved without additions or corrections.

IV. Report from the Chair

The Faculty Governance Chair reported that the Promotion & Tenure requirement for both the Faculty Senate Chair & Senate Chair Pro-Tempore did not pass the Faculty Senate.

Additionally, the Faculty Governance Chair was asked by the Faculty Senators about the Oversight of the Faculty Handbook Committee. Specifically, the Faculty Senate Chair wanted to know where records of changes are kept after decisions are made. One Faculty Governance Committee member stated that somebody in Academic Affairs keeps records. Any changes should be added as an Appendix and "information only" item on the Faculty Senate agenda. At this point, further discussion ensued.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. New Business

a. Examine the terms of the Faculty Development & Welfare Subcommittee members

Currently, some members of the Faculty Development & Welfare Subcommittee are serving concurrent terms, and a majority of the members are scheduled to rotate off the Subcommittee after 2024. Presently, there are 6 members of the Subcommittee including the Subcommittee Chair. If no action is taken, there will be 5 vacancies on the Subcommittee. Faced with this situation, what options are there available or what specific recommendations could the Faculty Governance Chair make to both the Faculty Development & Welfare Chair and the Chair of CCE?

After much discussion, it was suggested that the Faculty Governance Chair approach the Faculty Development & Welfare and Chair of Committees & Elections (CCE) about this situation. Subcommittee members could voluntarily serve 1 year terms or agree to serve a total of 3 years on the Subcommittee. In the end, the Faculty Senate would have to make these term changes for the Subcommittee.

IX. For the Good of the Order

There was some discussion about an effort by the Faculty Assembly in conjunction with the UNC System Office forming Discussion Committees. These Committees would address issues of importance to faculty & staff working at institutions within the UNC System. If their schedules would permit, Faculty Governance Committee members were asked to consider this opportunity and respond to the Faculty Assembly request before the submission deadline passes.

X. Announcements

The next meeting will be held on Webex at 3:30 p.m. on February 28, 2023

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David W. Young

Recording Secretary
Faculty Governance Committee