

December 16, 2015

From: D. Kenneth Brown (CLA, Philosophy), Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee
 To: Cal Poly Academic Senate
 Re: Faculty Affairs Committee Quarterly Report, Fall 2015

The charges for the Faculty Affairs Committee for Fall 2015 from the Academic Senate were the following:

1. First full draft of University Faculty Personnel Action by January 1, 2016; Faculty Affairs Committee approval in Winter 2016; to Executive Committee thereafter.
2. Modification of exceptional service assigned time application.
3. Narrative evaluations: A) task force with administration and ASI on ASI's proposal of regular dissemination to student body; B) input on move to electronic collection.
4. Input on response to Chancellor's letter.
5. Review of CAP-project leftovers as needed.
6. Discuss double counting and getting a minor without additional courses

We held three meetings to commence with addressing our charges for the year. At all meetings we had quorum, but no items required formal voting. All FAC members attended at least one meeting except for our ASI representative who was unable to attend any of the meetings. Minutes of these meetings are available.

Brown (FAC chair) and Liddicoat addressed charge 2 via email exchanges prior to the first FAC meeting, and they briefed the FAC members at the Oct. 23 meeting on the recommended changes to the application and review process for the release time program for exception service to students. They recommended clarifications on WTU allocations to be vetted by program chairs/heads and approved by deans, and that applicant CVs be their standard CV for RPT purposes with relevant service to students highlighted. Both of these recommendations simplify the application and review process for this program. These changes were already approved by FAC last Spring and merely implemented this Fall.

FAC provided comments on CSU Chancellor Tim White's letter in response to Cal Poly Academic Senate resolution AS-799-15: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT CHANCELLOR TIM WHITE UNDERTAKE A PROMPT REVIEW OF CAL POLY, SLO GOVERNANCE. Our comments are in our minutes to the FAC meeting on Oct. 30, which were distributed to Senate Chair Gary Laver.

Concerning charge 3B, Brown, Liddicoat, and Laver met on Oct. 29 with Dustin Stegner (Instruction Committee chair) about implementing recommendations from AS-759-13: RESOLUTION ON STUDENT EVALUATIONS in the campus-wide rollout of online student evaluations of faculty. The core recommendations are two university-wide questions and means of data reporting. Brown and Liddicoat reported on this meeting to FAC at the Oct. 30 meeting, and details are in those minutes. Brown, Liddicoat, and Stegner will report to the full Senate on the status of online student evaluations and on how the Senate's recommendations in AS-759-13 would be implemented. FAC has no further role in this task.

Concerning charge 3A, Brown, Liddicoat, and Laver, along with Graham Archer (CFA chapter president), met on Nov. 4 with two students from ASI, Owen Schwaegerle (ASI President) and Vittorio Monteverdi (ASI Chair Of The Board) to discuss ASI's aims concerning the distribution of faculty evaluation data to students. Brown and Liddicoat reported on this meeting to FAC at its Nov. 20 meeting, and details of that report are in the minutes for that meeting. The issue is shelved until sometime after the online student evaluation system is fully implemented.

Charge 1 is the primary task for FAC in Winter quarter. We will not deliver on the (ambitious) proposed due date of January for revisions to RPT policies. We have enlisted the support of Melissa Bodin from the CLA Dean's office to help in the drafting of the revised University Faculty Personnel Actions document. Bodin is familiar with relevant university policies and has already drafted the recent revision of CLA's RPT policies, which are a model of clarity and usefulness. Bodin will attend FAC meetings as necessary and work with Liddicoat to draft the document that FAC will revise.

FAC has received nothing concerning charge 5 to date.

FAC was not aware of charge 6 until after Fall quarter ended. We will discuss this charge most likely at our second meeting in Winter after the chair consults with the Curriculum Committee chair (Brian Self) and Gary Laver on the background and expectations concerning this issue of double-counting courses for minors.

We will schedule four meetings for Winter quarter, the first two meetings will be in January and will focus primarily on charge 1.

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