

**Commission on Faculty Affairs  
November 6, 2015  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Montasir Abbas (chair), Jack Finney, Debby Good, Velva Groover, Wat Hopkins, Sallie Beth Johnson, Matt Smagin, Jim Spotila, and Phillip Young,

**Guests:** Amy Hogan and Ellen Plummer

**Agenda:**

The Commission on Faculty Affairs (CFA) meeting was called to order by Montasir Abbas (Chair), who identified the following agenda items:

1. Academy of Faculty Leadership
2. Status of Faculty Senate Governance Resolution

1. Academy of Faculty Leadership

Amy Hogan presented revised documents which addressed comments from the first reading. A motion was made to approve the resolution and the resolution was unanimously approved and will be sent to University Council.

2. Faculty Senate Resolution on Shared Governance

The Faculty Senate resolution on governance was brought before University Council on November 2. During this meeting, the Graduate Student Assembly requested that the vote on the resolution be deferred until December 7. The GSA has three suggestions that they would like incorporated into the resolution. In addition, the Student Government Association has expressed concerns with the resolution. The provost is convening a meeting at which members of the Faculty Senate, GSA, and SGA will aim to come to consensus on the contents of the resolution. This meeting is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Monty Abbas summarized the discussion that occurred at University Council for CFA members who were not in attendance and reviewed his Powerpoint presentation.

3. Journal Impact Factors

Phillip Young will provide an edited version of the Promotion and Tenure Guidelines for discussion at a future CFA meeting. Recommended edits from CFA will be sent to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee for consideration of adoption in next year's guidelines.

4. Implementation Plan for Pathways

Jim Spotila asked if CFA would be an appropriate commission to discuss the Implementation Plan for the Pathways. The plan is posted on the Provost's website and will be on the agenda for discussion at the next CFA meeting.

5. Commission on Research Survey on Institutes

Randy Wynne, chair of the Commission on Research, will be invited to meet with CFA to discuss a survey on the impact of the research institutes on faculty members.

Adjournment

There were no other issues discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder, Jack Finney