

Commission on Faculty Affairs
Minutes
February 2, 2018
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall

In Attendance: R. Hicok (acting chair), G. Amacher, S-Y. Chien, J. Ferris, V. Groover, M. Paretti, D. Stoudt (for R. Blieszner), R. Willis, P. Young

Absent: L. Brogdon, G. Daniel, J. Finney, M. McGrath, T. Schenk, R. Speer, J. Spotila

Guests: T. Bluestein, E. Plummer

Upcoming Meetings: Feb. 16, 2018 (130 Burruss); March 2, 2018 (130 Burruss)

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda **R. Hicok**

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.
The agenda was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of January 19, 2018 Minutes **R. Hicok**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Promotion and Tenure Work Group Update **R. Hicok**

R. Hicok gave an update on the Promotion and Tenure Work Group meeting from the morning of February 2, 2018. The Work Group is going through the entire Promotion and Tenure section in the Faculty Handbook and have begun making preliminary recommendations for changes, but discussions are ongoing and will need to be expanded upon prior to the Work Group presenting any proposed changes to the Commission on Faculty Affairs. Topics briefly considered by the Commission in discussion included dossiers, notification, letters from former advisors for positions at Virginia Tech, and the correct location for certain changes (i.e. in the Faculty Handbook or College guidelines). Finally, it was suggested that a joint Promotion and Tenure Work Group/Commission on Faculty Affairs meet to bring forward recommendations.

4. Open Access Policy Work Group Update **P. Young**

P. Young, member of the Commission on Faculty Affairs and representative on the Open Access Policy Work Group, gave a presentation about the Work Group's work on an Open Access policy at Virginia Tech. P. Young discussed the Work Group's charge and mission to draft an Open Access policy for consideration, and provide outreach to faculty to collect feedback about the potential policy. In addition, the presentation briefly discussed what Open Access is, why it is important, what other peer institutions do in terms of Open Access Policies.

5. Other Business **R. Hicok**

No other business was discussed.

7. Adjourn

R. Hicok

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.