

Minutes
Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs
October 17, 2012 ~ 1:30 p.m. ~ 325 Burruss

Present: Linda Bucy, Jessie Chen-Yu, Mary Christian, Alicia Cohen, Shoma Ghosh, Roderick Hall via Phone, Bruce Heath for Travis Hundley, Jennifer Hundley, Kay Hunnings, April Hylton, Hal Irvin, Ellen Plummer, Jon Vest via Phone, Kirk Wehner, Kelley Woods via Phone, Jon Wooge

Absent: Shahram Amini, Scott Tate

Guests: Elsa Camargo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented, and the minutes from the last meeting on September 12, 2012 were approved electronically.

Election of Vice Chair

Prior to the meeting, Jennifer Hundley had expressed an interest to Linda Bucy regarding serving as the CAPFA Vice Chair. Members were asked if there was anyone else interested in being a nominee or if there were any other suggestions for nominees. No additional interest was expressed; therefore, a motion was made to nominate Jennifer as the Vice Chair. A vote was taken and passed unanimously in favor of her filling the position.

Discussion on Speaker Series

Linda Bucy gave an update on last month's suggestions for the fall speaker series. It was determined that Scott Midkiff and Patty Perillo would be better suited for a later speaker forum since they are both new to their positions. Mark McNamee's schedule is booked in November. John Dooley is available for November, and Linda will work on getting a date confirmed with him. An announcement will go out when the details are worked out.

New Business

Possible Workshop on How to Evaluate AP Faculty

Since there isn't a lot of consistency across the university in how the AP faculty evaluation process is completed, it was suggested that perhaps a workshop or panel discussion would be helpful. The idea of using people from departments who do regular yearly evaluations, such as Student Affairs, Extension, and University Relations, was suggested. Everyone felt it would even be a good idea to do this workshop in place of the spring speaker series.

Commission on Research (COR) Resolution

COR is putting forward a resolution to have the adjective “special” removed from the term “special research faculty” in the faculty handbook and all other related materials. COR feels that the term “special” sets this group apart from other faculty categories. Linda Bucy provided CAPFA members with a copy of the resolution to review. Ellen Plummer indicated historically this designation was created when externally funded research activities were not as prevalent as they are now to separate those faculty who were on “soft funds” from tenured track faculty. A motion was made to support the resolution. A vote was taken and passed unanimously in favor of supporting it.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. Due to the CAPFA forum being planned for November, there will be no business meeting. The next meeting will be December 12, 2012 from 1:30-3:00 in 325 Burruss.

Respectfully Submitted,

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