Faculty Senate Governance Council meeting minutes  
3/25/10 @ 11:00-12:00 PM, 388 Town  
Recorded by Stephen Porter and John Mayfield

Those present at the meeting: Max Porter, Steve Freeman, Tom Loynachan, Joe Haynes, John Mayfield, Ken Stalder, Stephen Porter, Mike Owen, Arnold Van der Valk, Pol Herman, Paul Tanaka, Skip Walter, Gregory Palermo, Susan Carlson (via phone)

Chair Max Porter called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes was postponed to discuss several amendments that have been proposed to the revisions to Section 3.4 currently before the Senate.

The Council discussed whether feedback should be given to the proposers of amendments. Van der Valk thought that the Council should instead focus on how the various amendments will be presented to the Senate in a clear manner. There was some discussion of Tony Townsend’s amendment and whether the amendment should be part of section 10.8. Arnold will speak with Tony about this.

Palermo arrived, and in the interest of time the Council addressed the item of how NTER faculty are defined in the Handbook, noting a possible inconsistency in terms of their rights as faculty members. Palermo noted that the intent was to create a title for individuals on soft money, but not to make them members of the General Faculty. Van der Valk noted that we have other non-tenure eligible faculty who are members of the General Faculty. Discussion ensued as to how to handle this issue. Van der Valk pointed out that the Senate agenda is quite full for the rest of the year, and that there is probably little time to bring this before the Senate this year.

Walter moved that the current motion be withdrawn, and instead insert the following phrase in 2.4.1, “except as provided in 3.1.1.” Council approved the motion unanimously.

The Council then returned to discussion of amendments to 3.4.1, and the amendments proposed by Susan Carlson to clarify language about tenure and departments. Motion was made to add the suggested changes to Handbook section 5.2.1.1 paragraph 1 to the other ancillary changes that accompany the motion to change Section 3.4. Suggested changes to section 5.2.1.2 were deferred to a future meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

No comment was officially made to Igor Beresnev’s amendment and it will be added to the list. Arnold will speak to Igor about the poor wording. No official comment was made to Eric Abbott’s amendment, and it will be added to the list of amendments to be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 9 at 10 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.