

Minutes for meeting of 2/3/10 of the Faculty Handbook Committee
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This was the eighth meeting of the academic year.

Present: Dwight Hahn, Bob Kolesar (Chair), Dianna Taylor, Brenda Wirkus.

Excused: Marcy Milota, Sheila McGinn

Announcements:

1. A reply to the memo to Bud Stuppy on the spousal surcharge is in the pipeline.

Items:

1. Distribution of the AAUP policy document titled Recommended Institutional Regulations on Academic Freedom and Tenure.
2. A draft of a possible amendment on practitioners in residence which makes such positions full-time adjunct positions for up to three years and then either terminated or turned into probationary appointments was presented. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
3. The committee agreed to put up the amendment to enlarge the grievance pool this semester.
4. The reference to the graduate dean in the Faculty Handbook was discussed again. The consensus is that moving it would be more than a nonsubstantive rectification.
5. A reply to Karen Schuele's memo of November 30, 2009 was discussed and Bob agreed to draft a reply. It was suggested that to put the question of allowing long-term non-tenured Faculty positions to the Faculty at this time would not be appropriate due to all the other issues presently facing the Faculty. A change as serious as allowing for a two-tiered Faculty needs to be weighed carefully.
6. Bob will report on his up-coming meeting with John Day on the reprinting at the next meeting.
7. Meeting adjourned.