

Faculty Handbook Committee
Minutes

Date: March 17, 2010
Time: 11 a.m.
Place: E246
Attendance: Bob, Dianna, Brenda, Sheila, Dwight. Marcy was excused.

This was the eleventh meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Bob reported that the reprinted handbook would be distributed electronically. Faculty members can request a paper copy if they wish.

Report on Open Hearings on the amendment to increase the number of faculty in grievance pools.

- a. Three attendees and a few e-mailed comments
- b. The matter of the recusal process was raised by more than one faculty member as a possible snag. Otherwise comments were supportive of the amendment.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend the amendment for approval by the Faculty.

The draft of an amendment removing all references to the Graduate Dean from the Faculty Handbook was discussed and minor grammatical changes were made. The committee voted to present this amendment to the Faculty.

Open Hearing dates for the Graduate Dean amendment were discussed and members volunteered for the available slots.

The committee turned to the matter of drafting a response to Jonathan Smith's letter to the Handbook Committee on the matter of the spousal surcharge. It was agreed that a response from the committee, especially on the matter of interpretation of faculty vote, was required.

- a. The outcome and meaning of any vote taken by the Faculty is to be determined by the Faculty alone.
- b. The outcome of the December 2009 vote was, contrary to a statement in J. Smith's letter, very clear and not at all unclear.

The committee continued with its ongoing task of checking the index for the reprinting of the Handbook.

Minutes were recorded by Dwight Hahn in Marcy's absence.