Faculty Handbook Committee Minutes

Date: December 2, 2008

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Dolan, E244

Attendance: Dwight, Bob, Brenda, Marcy, Jackie.

This was fifth meeting of the 2008-2009 academic year.

Minutes were not ready for review.

Bob distributed a copy of the letter sent to John Day thanking him for meeting with the committee and reiterating our concern about following the Faculty Handbook in accurately counting previous years in service at other institutions or in visiting status at JCU.

Bob reported that he talked again with John Day about the probationary issue. He seemed to be in accord with the committee's position but wanted to talk to others about the issue. Bob told John about the Boler School proposal and its status. Bob also mentioned that we were looking at increasing the number of faculty in the grievance pool.

Bob then distributed a draft of an amendment to increase the size of the grievance pool from 10-14 members. The committee discussed the draft.

Other questions before the committee were discussed, including reprinting the Faculty Handbook. The question then arises about what to do with the reference to the Dean of the Graduate School. Can the reference be simply deleted as a non-substantive textual rectification? If challenged, it would have to go through the amendment process. Also doing so, might set a precedent that we would not want to set. Bob agreed to talk this over with John Day.