

Faculty Handbook Committee
Minutes

Date: Monday, November 13, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Dolan, E244
Attendance: Bob, Brenda, Dwight, Jackie, Klaus

This was the sixth meeting of the 2006-2007 academic year.

1. The Committee reviewed the input from open hearings and from the meeting with the Faculty Forum Executive Committee about the proposed faculty governance amendment to the Handbook. Open hearings were positive in regards to the amendment prepared by the Committee. A number of our colleagues expressed their appreciation for the work done by the Committee.

The Handbook Committee then addressed the concern that the new amendment did not include a provision allowing the new governance body to determine whether a motion is procedural or substantive. In an attempt to make some adjustment to the amendment, the Handbook Committee decided to take the language of the governance proposal, item V.G., and move that language onto the last page of the amendment, item VI.D. 5. The new amendment would then read:

VI.D.5. “If a quorum is not present and if a quorum of the Faculty Council is present, then procedural questions, **amendments to proposals, and whether to advance substantive issues to a written vote of the full Faculty** may be decided by a majority vote of the members of the Faculty Council present. (Addition is in bold print.)

Concerns were also raised about regular scheduling of Faculty Meetings and whether all substantive issues should be discussed at Faculty Meetings.

The Committee decided that Dwight Hahn will serve as the representative of the Faculty Handbook Committee at the next meeting of the Faculty Forum, November 29.

2. The Chair reminded the Committee members of the schedule for open hearings on the dates of contracts and tenure decisions.

3. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 20, at 9 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.