

MINUTES FACULTY AFFAIRS MEETING

DATE: October 18, 2012

TIME: Noon

LOCATION: Founders Chapel

Members Present: James Gadberry, Chair, Jeff Johnson, Ronnie Merritt, Derek Newland, Susan Owen, Jackie Russell, Debra Vaughn, Jess Brown, Pat Kuby

Members Absent: Amanda Branscombe, Bridget Chandler, Lisa Hyde, Tom Pieplow Sean Busick

Dr. Gadberry called the meeting to order on October 18, 2012 at noon in Founders Chapel. Minutes from the September 11th meeting were approved.

Member discussed the work of the committee at this time. Much of the work the FAC typically focuses on is now in various ad hoc committees that include both faculty and staff. There was some confusion about where the work of the committees would be forwarded when that work was finished. Some thought that the work would be sent back to the appropriate standing committee while others believed that it would be passed through the Faculty Senate, and still others believed the standing committee would not have any input into the final policy. There was concern that the process currently being used is not what is described in the by-laws. Dr. Gadberry will contact Dr. Cromwell for clarification and, perhaps, ask for a flow chart of the process so that all can understand it.

It was suggested that the committee could work on policies not currently being addressed in ad hoc committees or adjourn until the work from those committees came back to the FAC.

The availability of the current version of the Employee Handbook and, specifically, Section 6 was discussed.

There was discussion about the role of an employee who holds the position of both faculty and administrator. There was a question about the appropriateness of such persons attending meetings that are to be attended only by faculty (e.g., Full Faculty Convocations).

Dr. Brown presented a motion for the committee to adjourn until the Chair calls for a reconvening. The group voted in favor of that. With that motion, we will not have any more regular monthly meetings until an issue comes up that needs to be addressed. The committee will stay abreast of minor issues through the use of the Blackboard site as much as possible.

Meeting was adjourned.

