Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 18, 2019: 10:00am – 11:30am

PRESENT: Amasino, Attie, Butcher, Cantor, Coyle, Craig, Fox, Kimble (arrived 10:04), Kirchdoerfer, Landick (exited 11:24), Ntambi, Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Record (arrived 10:15, exited 11:27), Senes, Sussman, Weeks, Wickens, Wildonger, and Wright

ABSENT: Bednarek, Cox, Friesen, Hayes, Henzler-Wildman, Holden, Hoskins (sabbatical), Markley, Martin, Pike, Ralph, Raman, Romero, Simcox, and Venturelli

Fox called the meeting to order (10:03).

1. (10:03) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Faculty E-Votes since last meeting:
      September 14, 2019: Executive Committee voted in favor of granting Landick’s sabbatical request.
      September 14, 2019: Executive Committee voted in favor of accepting Bednarek’s post-tenure review.
      September 14, 2019: Executive Committee voted in favor of accepting Martin’s post-tenure review.
      September 14, 2019: Full Professors voted in favor of promoting Chad Rienstra to the rank of Full Professor with tenure.
   b. Brenda Renaud will be resigning by the end of the calendar year. Cullen Vens has recently been hired and is training with Brenda as her replacement. Please adhere to CALS research policy deadlines and allow extra time if possible during the transition.
   c. Please look for and respond to requests from Kaine Korzekwa and Media Lab as they put together the upcoming newsletter.
   d. The 2019 Partners in Giving campaign has started and runs through November 29, 2019. Paper copies of booklets are no longer available this year. Information is available online at www.giving.wi.gov. Watch for departmental events in the coming weeks.
   e. An electronic vote will be distributed after the meeting to all Executive Committee members present during the discussion of Chad Rienstra’s tenure case at the September 13, 2019 Executive Committee meeting. (A vote approving Rienstra’s Promotion to the Rank of Full Professor with Tenure was conducted by Full Professors in accordance with FP&P 5.22B (promotion to full professor); CALS has advised that the Executive Committee must vote on tenure case, also in accordance with FP&P 5.22C (promotion to tenure).
   f. UW2020 and Cluster Hire requests have begun. A discussion of hiring priorities will be held during the November 8, 2019 meeting.
2. (10:09) Wickens reported for the Chair Transition and Evaluation Committee. The committee met with all faculty individually over the course of the summer. Comments were documents and shared in aggregate and discussed with Fox. Three main themes emerged: 1) faculty hiring, 2) graduate student recruiting, and 3) cohesion and community. After discussion, it was suggested that ongoing informal faculty discussions may be scheduled and faculty sub-groups established to address these themes.

3. (10:30) Fox presented a request to authorize a $2 million withdrawal from the principal of the WARF endowment to support the purchase of equipment for Rienstra’s startup package and replacement of aging autoclaves in the buildings. A motion is expected in the November faculty meeting.

4. (10:48) Fox reviewed Pagliarini’s request for a research Leave of Absence during the 2020-2021 academic year. Amasino made a motion to approve Pagliarini’s request. Landick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. (10:54) Amasino distributed a document outlining Biochemistry’s voting policies. The policies were compiled into one document for ease of reference and reviewed to ensure compliance with FP&P. Amasino made a motion to approve the document. Landick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. (10:59) Amasino noted that Biochemistry’s tenure policy permits absentee ballots, which is not compliant with FP&P. This language has been removed from the document, and other minor grammatical corrections made. Amasino made a motion that these revisions be approved. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. (11:00) Kimble reported for the Seminar committee. Speakers for the 2020-21 Steenbock Lecture, Everson Lecture, and Green Lecture were voted on. By show of hands, the faculty voted to invite Eva Nogales (Kirchdoerfer host) and Bill Kaelin (Cantor host) as Steenbock Lecturers, with Mike Rosen (Coyle host) as backup. Faculty voted to invite John Glass (Raman host) as the Green Lecturer with Matthew Bogyo (Weeks host) as backup. The faculty unanimously agreed to invite Jason Gestwicki (Weeks host) as the Everson Lecturer.

The meeting was adjourned (11:32).

Respectfully submitted,

Brian G. Fox
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