Minutes  
Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting  
04/08/05  
Texas State University—HPER Lounge  

**Members in Attendance:** Steve Gordon, Steve Awoniyi, Deborah Buswell, Mike Boone, Moe Johnson, Bobby Patton, Maria de la Colina, Sarah Nelson, Shana Pate-Moulton

**Members Absent:** Jo Webber, Larry Wheeler (sub for Marilyn Goodwin), Jenny Battle, Greg Soukup, Colleen Connolly, Drema Albin

*Chair Steve Gordon called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.*

I. **Dialogue with Dean Beck:**

a. **Decisions on restructuring of College Committee system:** Committee just met from 1:00-2:00. Dean Beck distributed a document entitled “College of Education Policy on Committees”. Definitions for the following committees were set forth: University Committee, COE Committee, Departmental Committee, Faculty Advisory Council Committee. The standing committees were also listed. This information should be able to help faculty members know what their service obligations are and in which areas they would like to be of service. Dean Beck mentioned that the research that Jo Webber and Deborah Buswell created was a tremendous help. It was asked if there was a way to “give service some weight” to junior faculty members, so they would know it is very important to their tenure and promotion. Dean Beck said that the Provost is saying that Tenure and Promotion is going to be largely a departmental decision (i.e., how do we weight service, etc?). If service isn’t valued, then we will not have people doing service. Provost Moore thinks that the burden of service should fall largely on the tenured full professor. The departments will have to decide how to weigh service.

b. **Ed. Admin. Program’s proposal to support NCATE review but postpone it:** Dean Beck reviewed a concern that Ed Admin had at our last meeting. Dr. Beck said that we have no evidence that we’re off schedule. Ed Admin is part of our program, so it should be part of the accreditation process. Chair Gordon mentioned that this information came as the result of a vote: to support NCATE, but to delay it. Ed Admin is asking for the entire College to postpone the NCATE process. Ed Admin feels that they give good feedback to the students, but that they haven’t collected group data. They are currently creating instruments that can be used as data. There is some data available, but it’s not available in any valid form, and it would have to be recovered. EAPS professors believe that what they do would be perfect to use as data, but they want more time to have more data. The question is, “What’s due on September 15?” If all of the data is
due on September 15, Ed Admin feels that they may fail. If, on September 15, they have to tell NCATE which instruments that they’ll use, and then they have 2 years to gather data, then they’ll be okay. Dean Beck said he would get clarification on the “rules” to us.

i. **Dean Beck called Patrice and/or Rich and asked about NCATE and then called back to the meeting:** He reported that the data does need to be provided by Fall 2005 (September 15), but the University can proceed with the process without that one SPA. The department of EAPS supports NCATE, but they would like to postpone it—they have data, but they haven’t kept the data, because they didn’t know they had to. They have the means to create common assessments, and they’ll have those by May 2005, but they will not have any collected data by September 15, 2005. There was further discussion about whether or not we should request postponing the NCATE deadline/visit. Chair Gordon made a motion that each program request written documentation that includes the full information about what is expected of their program and where they stand for NCATE reviews. Mike Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed: 7-yes, 0-no, 2-abstaining.

Maybe we want to ask Patrice and Rich and ask which programs are ready.

c. **Topics the Dean wishes to discuss:**

   i. **Dean Candidates:** Dean Beck thinks that the dean candidates are supportive of shared governance.

   ii. **Chair Evaluations:** Dean Beck proposed that we use a new form from the University Department Chair Evaluation Committee. We will treat it as our instrument, but it would be a sort of pilot. We would not be required to use it with the new dean. FAC was given the opportunity to give feedback to Dean Beck about the new form. It was recommended that Dean Beck add a cover letter that explains that this instrument is being used as a pilot. We are hoping for a higher response rate.

II. **Approval of March 11th minutes:** We discussed whether or not we should list the names of people who were absent. We decided that we would list the names of committee members who were absent at meetings. Bobby Patton moved that we accept the minutes. Mike Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed.
III. Old Business:

a. Spring Elections: Bobby Patton, Chair of Elections Committee, reported that the committee is made up of Maria de la Colina, Larry Wheeler for Marilyn Goodwin, Jenny Battle (Shana Pate-Moulton will substitute for Jenny if she is unable to serve as the coordinator for RRHEC). We discussed whether or not we would self-nominate and departmental nomination or just departmental nomination. We decided that we would say, “You may nominate yourself.” Bobby said he would restructure the document and send it to the FAC. The committee will decide when we will hold elections. There was discussion about how to determine which EAPS members would be serving a one-term and a two-year term. The EAPS members will draw straws to determine that 2 of those members need to go off during this election.

b. Lunch for new faculty: Chair Gordon has been working on the details for the luncheon; he has been having a difficult time finding a room, but he has reserved Room 460 JCK. We have to work with Dianne Richards or Property Management to get round tables moved into that room. The Regents Room is also available. Chair Gordon was thinking that we could have the lunch in Room 460 JCK and then have our FAC meeting in the Regents Room on the 11th floor. We discussed using the End Zone Conference Room instead. Mike Boone said he would investigate that room. If we use JCK, we have to use Chartwell’s to cater our luncheon. Steve Gordon won’t cancel Room 460 JCK until we know about the other room. Steve Gordon needs another list of people who are within their first two years.

c. Steve Awoniyi sent website information to Chair Gordon two weeks ago. He will email the link to Shana and she will email it to the entire FAC. He would like feedback from FAC members.

Meeting adjournment: Mike Boone moved that we adjourn the meeting. Bobby Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

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FAC Secretary