Minutes  
Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting  
04/22/05  
Texas State University—ED 4040

Members in Attendance: Jenny Battle, Steve Awoniyi, Larry Wheeler (temporary substitute for Marilyn Goodwin), Deborah Buswell, Mike Boone, Bobby Patton, Drema Albin, Maria de la Colina, Sarah Nelson, Jo Webber, Colleen Connolly, Jovita Ross-Gordon (for Steve Gordon), Greg Soukup, Shana Pate

Members Absent: Moe Johnson

Jennifer Battle, substitute for Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. Review Agenda

II. Approve 04/08/05 FAC Minutes:
Deborah Buswell made a motion that we postpone approving the minutes because there were not copies for everyone. Maria De La Colina seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Has the Dean distributed NCATE documents on NCATE process/criteria/timeline to each program?
C & I has, EAPS has, HPER does not know.

IV. Has each program been notified “where they stand” relative to NCATE?
If not, Steve will send him a second request.
We discussed that Dean Beck has not given written documentation to each department about their NCATE requirements. It was questioned if we should move forward with the NCATE process since we’re getting a new Dean. Prospective Dean Eaton said there is nothing wrong with postponing an NCATE visit, but it looks really bad to fail an NCATE visit.

Special Ed is seriously questioning whether or not they’ll be able to get their SPA data completed by September 15, 2005. This issue seems to affect SPAs more than general programs.

Perhaps FAC should approach Dean Beck requesting that we postpone our NCATE visit, because the SPAs need three years’ worth of data, and, typically, the most data they can provide is one year.

HPER will be asking their NCATE coordinator if they have the information about what they need. Bobby Patton will check with HPER to see if they have the papers.
FAC suggested that we approach Dean Beck and request that we postpone our NCATE visit a year—that because of the mixed information that NCATE provided about SPAs and because of our leadership in Dean is changing. It was recommended that we discuss this with Dean Beck next week in our FAC meeting: that most areas feel very uncomfortable with going up for NCATE accreditation this soon.

V. College T and P committee report:

The Dean reviewed FAC recommendations and had a few questions. One was about chairs not participating in peer review process. Deborah reread information from the document that was created last year. It was discussed that the review process is a two-part process.

The other question revolved around the committee stating which is more important—scholarship or teaching? The FAC members who served on that committee remembered that their discussion was not necessarily that one thing is more important but that we simply inform the junior faculty be aware. Jenny Battle also reported from that committee the University guidelines are very general, the College guidelines are more specific, and the Department guidelines would be even more specific. Dean Beck distributed a document in draft form of possible T & P guidelines. Jennifer agreed to obtain a copy of the document for FAC members to review before the next T & P meeting on May 11. We discussed various methodology guidelines for types of scholarship that might be considered by departments and how those guidelines get monitored / reviewed.

FAC recommended that the College T & P committee address the definition and interpretation of scholarship along with who would have oversight over the Personnel Committee and / or the College Committee who reviews a faculty member’s scholarship. Perhaps each department should define what types of scholarship (i.e. what good qualitative research looks like or what good quantitative research looks like) would be acceptable and hold the Personnel Committee members to those standards.

We discussed that the process to finalize the T & P document / process should not be rushed because it is so important.

VI. Discussion of the Dean’s search and the candidates interviewed thus far:
There was general discussion about the candidates.

VII. We need to draw straws for who goes off the FAC this year:
Steve Gordon and Drema Albin rotate off. Sarah Nelson, Colleen Connolly, Mike Boone stay on.
Meeting adjournment: Mike Boone moved that we adjourn the meeting. Larry Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Substitute Chair Jennifer Battle adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Shana Pate
FAC Secretary