

Minutes of the March 18, 2009 Faculty Governance Committee Meeting

Committee members present: Paddy Dale, Robert Entenmann, Tina Garrett, Jonathan Hill, Kris MacPherson, Karen Marsalek, Jim May, James McKeel, Bruce Nordstrom-Loeb, Alan Norton, Arnie Ostebee, Wes Pearson, Steve Reece, Doug Schuurman

Jonathan Hill called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

The minutes of the March 11 meeting were approved.

Bob Entenmann moved to approve an at-large ballot to be presented at the April faculty meeting. The motion was seconded. After approving the motion the committee added nominees for the Tenure and Promotion Committee, and the Faculty Review Committee as a “friendly amendment” to the motion.

Jonathan Hill reported on the schedule and process for the Faculty committee elections. Candidates for these positions will be determined by each of the five Faculties’ nominating committees, and will take place after the election of the at-large candidates.

Jonathan Hill raised the issue, and the committee discussed, how to define and ensure proper balance—of tenured and non-tenured, male and female, Faculty areas, etc.-among members serving on faculty committees.

Jonathan Hill asked for advice regarding whether to list current committee members along with the candidates for open positions. After considering the possibilities for this with electronic balloting, the committee advised Jonathan to list current members to enable greater balance on the committees.

Jonathan Hill suggested publishing the meeting times for the Curriculum, Faculty Governance, and Faculty Life Committees for the 2009-10 year. The committee concurred.

Jonathan Hill asked the committee whether it wanted to discuss possible revisions to the nominating process. If it recommends revisions, the committee would propose them for a vote by the faculty at its May meeting. The committee recommended spending at least one meeting for this purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Schuurman, *secretarius pro tempore*