

Faculty Life Committee – St. Olaf College

Minutes for the meeting of 23 September 2008

Present:

Eric Cole, chair Mary Griep, Corliss Swain, Brian Borovsky Anne Groton, Irina Walter Beth Christensen Xun Pomponio, James May, ex-officio, Dona Freeman, Judy Stromayer, Alan Norton, ex-officio, Arnie Ostebee, ex-officio.

The Meeting was convened at 3:35 p.m. in Dittman 204.

1. Approval of minutes. Minutes of the September 16 meeting were approved.
2. A calendar for meetings through the end of the semester was discussed and Eric Cole will send out an updated copy. The group formerly known as the Fall Group will be known as the “Action Team” and will review the Release Time Grants. The Spring Group will be known as the “Issues Group” and will work on criteria for summer grants and prioritize faculty action issues.
3. Grant Workshops. Mary Griep reported upcoming grant-writing workshops. There will be two fall workshops as follows:

Wednesday October 1, 2008 from 4:00-5:00p.m. in BC #142. Participants will include Patricia Martin of Government and Foundation Relations, faculty recipient Kathy Tegtmeier-Pak, and Faculty Life Committee member Mary Griep.

Thursday October 2, 2008 from 4:00-5:00p.m. in BC #142. Participants will include Patricia Martin of Government and Foundation Relations, faculty recipient Rich DuRocher, and Faculty Life Committee member Anne Groton.

Griep has collected copies of some successful grant proposals to be placed on reserve in the library for the month of October.

Cole will send out an announcement of the workshops.

The Action Team will pick up their package of Release Time Grant applications from the Office of the Dean after 3:00PM on October 24.

4. Honorary Degrees. Criteria for Honorary Degrees were discussed. The current language will be included in a letter to faculty drafted by Dona Freeman. She will email a draft of a letter to the FLC for discussion. It was decided that the timetable discussed on September 16 was appropriate to allow for dossiers to be forwarded to the Board of Regents meeting in February. Specifically the complete dossiers are due November 3.

5. There was a preliminary discussion of the Faculty Life Issues. It was reported that the Associate Deans are looking at issues of post-tenure review and merit pay. It was decided that the Issues Group would meet September 30 and set priorities for the FLC as a whole.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Action Items

- 1) Mary Griep will provide copies of successful grants to the library to be put on reserve during October and follow up on grant workshops.
- 2) Eric Cole will announce the October grants workshops.
- 3) Eric Cole will check with Phylis Stuckmayer to make sure the Faculty Life alias is complete.
- 4.) Dona Freeman will draft a letter announcing nominations for Honorary Degrees and will send it to the whole committee via email for discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Griep