Faculty and Professional Affairs Committee

April 27, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Heather McKeever Meral Arnavut

Christopher Taverna Kevin Hahn Tedi Cox Derrik Decker

Meeting called to order at 3:04pm by FPAC Chairperson Heather McKeever.

I. Action:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2016:
 - No quorum tabled until next meeting.

II. FPAC Elections for 2016 - 2017:

o Meral and Tedi will not be running for re-election. (We will miss both of you!)

III. New Business:

- Christopher shared that, when he returned from vacation on April 12, 2016, he was informed that he had been transferred from the Professional Development Center to Information Technology Services.
 - Process was dehumanizing; communication was limited, both with Chris and with the rest of campus, and the way in which he was informed was impersonal.
 - Christopher was expected to transition to his new office in less than 1 week. He needed to arrange a meeting with his new supervisor; this was not facilitated for him in any way.
 - What are the bigger implications? Are other faculty or professional staff members being transferred in this way? We are saddened by the way in which Christopher was treated. Is this a sign of what is to come? How can we advocate for Christopher and others who might have been displaced?

IV. Continuation of CONFAC Discussion:

- The next CONFAC meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday, April 28) at 12:30pm in English Reading Room in Fenton Hall. Are any of us available to attend?
 - Kevin H. volunteered to represent FPAC in Christopher's absence.
- At the next University Senate meeting, CONFAC will propose that they become a separate standing committee.
 - Some pushback from University Senate: Why should CONFAC be separate from FPAC? Why is FPAC unable to absorb the issues that are important to contingent faculty?

V. Continuation of Web Site Discussion:

A skeleton for our web site has been completed, but further work will likely be delayed, given that many members of FPAC will not be returning next year.

VI. Old Business:

o Department Chair Selection Process: Could we ask Rob Deemer for an update?

VII. Next Meeting:

• We will meet during the week of Monday, May 16. A Doodle poll will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Hahn