University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

Faculty Association Minutes

Feb. 7, 2006


Curriculum Committee:

Physics and chemistry have applied for curriculum changes. Elementary statistics would be a required component of physics and chemistry curriculum. Move to approve (Crow/Shafer) 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Art has applied for curriculum change. ART 1662 Jewelry I has been taken twice by art majors. Proposed change would make a sequence of two courses, Art 1662 Jewelry I and Art 2661 Jewelry II. Move to approve (Crow/Shafer) 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Another curriculum change from art would create ART 3663 Advanced Jewelry and Metalwork I and ART 3673 Advanced Jewelry and Metalwork II, as electives/concentrations within the BFA degree. Move to approve (Shafer/Crow) 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Old business

To get turnitin.com, we have established a plagiarism committee (Crow, Long, Winn, Pasley, Bruce). Next month’s faculty association meeting will include a discussion of degrees of plagiarism and possible consequences. Committee will work on recommendations for the process. Reigh discussed need to add the policy to the student handbook and to consider how the policy will work with the current process, including the role of the appeals committee and the grievance committee.

New business

Dr. Weber presented a report from the tenure and promotion committee which has considered four applications for promotion and one application for tenure. He pointed out that our current policies make it possible for a faculty member to be promoted before they attain tenure. He reported that the committee would like to ask the academic vice-president, in future years, to set up the original meeting of the committee, so that the chair could be elected by committee members instead of being appointed.

Dr. Miller presented copies of salary figures from COPLAC institutions. Following discussion, faculty asked the Academic Resource Committee and/or Faculty Association President to present the information to the academic vice-president.
R. Drummond presented the topic of requesting a description of how new bond money and new mission enhancement money has been allocated. President John Bruce will request figures. (Shaffer/Drummond) 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Dr. Warden raised the question of the dates that annual reports are due and whether they could be moved to later in the semester. Discussion included possible different implications for tenured and non-tenured faculty. Discussion of asking the resource committee to investigate. Discussion of asking the academic vice-president to clarify what we need for North Central, what goes to the Regents, and what might be simplified and still get the information we need. Discussion of need to clarify the process and make it consistent across divisions. Motion (Winn/Bohannon) to inquire about guidelines for consistency and timeline for submitting annual reports. 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Dr. Bruce will inquire of academic vice-president.

Announcements:

- Dr. Bohannon announced the Vagina Monologue and drag show, Trio Tulsa Feb. 28.
- Dr. Johnson announced the Valentine Chocolate party at his home on Feb. 11.
- Dr. Todd announced that the Ken Bain symposium on March 24.
- Dr. McElroy announced that the BSU Leadership Team is hosting a celebration for Tom Greenfield in honor of his 20th year as the BSU Director at USAO. The celebration will be Saturday, Feb. 25, at 2:00 in the Alumni Chapel, with a reception to follow at the BSU.
- Discussion of request to honor Isaac Tsonetokoy by awarding a degree posthumously. Motion to recommend (Reigh/Shafer) was approved unanimously.
- Discussion of sending a card to Dr. Glenda Peters following her resignation from the faculty. Faculty association secretary will send the card on behalf of the Faculty Association.
- Scholastic Meet will be April 6. Faculty is requested to assist.

Adjournment (Bohannon/Crow)

Submitted by Linda McElroy, Faculty Association Secretary