Minutes of the Faculty Personnel Policies Council (FPPC)

March 3, 2017

Members Present: Michael Constas, Liesl Haas, Alexandra Jaffe, Unna Lassiter, Richard Marcus, Jyostna Pattnaik, Shireen Pavri, Jalal Torabzadeh, and Mark Wiley.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:45PM.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes for the meeting were approved.
4. It was announced that:
   * The University’s administrative searches are progressing.
   * Academic Senate is continuing to work on the “Policies and Procedures for the Selection, Appointment and Review of Academic Administrators.”
5. The Council discussed the need to revise Policy Statement 96-21 (“Employment of Graduate Students as Student Assistants, Graduate Assistants, and Teaching Associates”), in order to make the policy consistent with the current collective bargaining agreement covering such employees (Unit 11). The administration is developing proposed revisions to this policy to be discussed at the next Council meeting.
6. The Council discussed issues that may be raised in a potential revision of Policy Statement 12-02 (“Student Evaluation of Teaching”).
7. The Council clarified that it would focus its efforts in the area of conflicts of interests on first discussing proposed policies covering the following issues: (a) financial conflict of interest in the assignment of course materials, and (b) voting rights within a department. With respect to the first of these issues, the Council needs to decide whether it should: (i) take up developing a policy on conflicts in the area of assigning course materials, or (ii) stand by its decision (reported in its March 4, 2016 minutes) to “respectfully decline the Academic Senate’s request for the Council to revise the proposed policy on avoidance of conflicts of interest that the Council previously approved.”
8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.

These minutes have not been approved.

Submitted Respectfully,

Michael Constas