

Minutes

Faculty Welfare Committee Meeting

9/11/07

Present: Rebecca Easby, Harriet Fields, Debby Litt, Debbie Harris-O'Brien and Lori Shpunt

The meeting was called to order and Debby Litt agreed to serve as chair of the committee.

The following topics were discussed:

1. Elections - The need to run elections to fill slots on committees, particularly to fill a vacancy on Rank and Tenure. Lori agreed to run this election. It was also pointed out that there would be a vacancy on UCAP that would need to be filled.

2. Evaluations - This is a topic that carries over from last year. Currently the course evaluations are only providing faculty with raw data. This could be a problem for non-tenured faculty who need to use evaluations for promotion and tenure.

3. Faculty Salons - Welfare has run a series of salons for the past several years. Debbie Harris-O'Brien volunteered to work on the series for this year.

4. Handbook Revision - Although Pat indicated that this was a topic that would be addressed by the entire faculty, there was discussion regarding what the committee could do to facilitate this discussion.

5. Frustration with Technology - There was discussion regarding the frustration with technology services due to their lack of availability during certain hours. It was discussed whether or not there could be arrangements for services to be available at night and on weekends when classes are running.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.