

Minutes of the COAS Executive Committee Meeting
February 15, 2010

In attendance:

Bruce Kingsbury, Presiding Officer
Mike Wolf, Deputy Presiding Officer
Carl Drummond, Dean, Ex Officio
Elaine Blakemore
Peter Dragnev
Rachel Hile
Ann Livschiz
Holly McDonald-Lara, non-voting member Faculty Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 12:00.

A Call for Question/Discussion items for Assembly went out to faculty last week via e-mail. No questions or responses were submitted. R. Hile suggested that a discussion topic from Executive Committee might be to discuss what is happening with Purdue possibly cutting benefits. This will be discussed at the Senate meeting in April, any information or insight will be discussed at that time, when the information becomes available it will be reported back to COAS Faculty. The Dean will provide an update to the faculty about possible ways in which Purdue might respond to the financial crisis.

A. Livschiz, mentioned that some junior faculty are concerned about P&T changes. One issue is how to handle cases when departments change criteria midstream. M. Wolf informed the committee that the IU candidates can choose which P&T procedures to follow – go with new or be grandfathered into older version. The Dean noted that there is no extant Purdue policy regarding what to do when policy changes. His concerns were that cases which meet departmental criteria and are supported at lower levels are reversed at an upper level.

Faculty Affairs Committee had previously requested to elect an Ad Hoc Committee to look at P& T process. Senate Executive Committee stopped them from doing so. A potential problem with P& T criteria is that they are variable from department to department. Some also lack definition of competence even when they nicely define excellence. The reappointment process will benefit cases for P&T.

Another item for consideration to be on the agenda was asking the faculty to decide whether to continue using the COAS Council to conduct official business instead of holding COAS Convocations. E. Blakemore noted that faculty governance indicates that Council is called up only if it is decided that they are needed to resolve a contentious issue. If the COAS Faculty decides to continue to use the Council, an amendment to the Faculty Governance document will need to be made. B. Kingsbury would mention that otherwise Council will be dissolved and in the fall we would go back to Convocation.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be March 15, at 10:00 a.m. in CM 160 to set the agenda for the for the COAS Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.