

Faculty Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2010
Lamson Learning Commons

Present: Marsi Wisniewski, Mark Fischler, Anne Lebreche, Terry Downs , Nick Sevigney, Sheryl Shirley, John Kulig

Excused: Daniel Lee

1. The minutes from the August 23, 2010 meeting were moved [Lebreche], seconded[Fischler] and approved.

2. Steering Committee report, Anne Lebreche

Discussion centered on task forces, their structure and searches for College Deans. Speaker Coykendall has announced two Faculty Forums; 1] dealing with faculty unionization/collective bargaining, 9/22; and 2] Dean searches/appointments, 9/29. There was discussion over the problem of students texting in the classroom.

3. Review of the Grievance Resolution Committee draft . Suggestions made for revisiting explanations of the mediation options, re:sec.II.18,p.74, faculty handbook.

4. Discussion of Mercer report online survey.

FWC volunteers could summarize survey for a later report, perhaps the November faculty meeting.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com> [username] psu-survey [password] academic affairs

5. Discussion of tuition reimbursement exchange as a potential program. What is the process for submitting suggestion to the BOT? Terry will ask at the 9/16 SPPC meeting.
6. Discussion of PSU/USNH faculty salary data and interpretations.
7. Frost School Council will discuss" intellectual property" at future meeting. Discussion of faculty concerns, re: on-line courses, Moodle courses, course development.
8. Discussion of textbook order procedures and the impact on adjunct faculty, re: fairness, contracts and calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30
Terry Downs, scribe