

MINUTES

University Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 11:00-12:00 PM
TH 331 C

Present: Clifton Ganyard (chair), Joshua Goldman, John Lyon, Steven Meyer, Jan Snyder, Christine Style, Patricia Terry, Kristin Vespia

1. Minutes: The Minutes from 6/17/2015 and 7/8/2015 were approved.
2. Shared Governance Roundtable: The UC discussed the idea of holding an informal monthly meeting of the chairs of the various shared governance committees and the SOFAS. It was agreed that this was a desirable project to pursue, but it was emphasized that it should remain an informal body whose purpose was to share information and build collegiality.
3. Committee on Rights and Responsibilities: The UC discussed suggestions made by Professor Michael Draney, CRR Chair, regarding changing the required timeline of notifications. The UC decided to leave the charge as it is. The UC was hesitant to reduce the amount of time given to notify the faculty member involved; five days seemed insufficient to allow for proper preparation for a hearing. The UC also discussed the possibility of extending the amount of time allowed for the hearing body to set a hearing, but in the end, it concluded that the final phrase of 6.01.7 (“...this time limit may be extended by mutual written consent of the parties, or by order of the hearing body”) allows for the extension of time in the case that there are difficult conflicts in the schedule to overcome.
4. Tenure Policy: The UC began discussing two questions regarding UWGB’s Tenure policy: the criteria used to decide if a program should be modified or discontinued and the decision process for making that decision. Professor Lyon presented several points regarding the criteria used to make such decisions, noting that the use of program reviews (as well as other materials) should be the basis for decision making. He also noted that the program’s contributions to the university community as a whole should be taken into account. Others noted some problems with comparing UWGB’s program(s) with other regional or state institutions, and suggested that policy should be worded in such a way that mere duplication of programs should not be justification for discontinuance.

Professor Meyer presented some thoughts on the decision making process, and noted that the suggestion for modification or discontinuance could come from several sources: executive committee, dean, provost, or periodic program review. It was agreed that if such a recommendation was suggested, an independent review committee should be tasked with reviewing the suggestion. Only then should the suggestion move forward. At that point, procedure should follow the process as outlined in the Curriculum Planning and Procedures Guide.

Professors Lyon, Meyer, and Ganyard will work to develop actual language for the policy for presentation at the next UC meeting on 8/6/15.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clifton Ganyard.

Approved 8/6/15