

Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee  
**February 29, 2012**

**Present:** Kris Bartanen, Geoffrey Block, Alva Butcher (Chair), Leon Grunberg, Jennifer Hastings, Andrew Rex, and Doug Sackman

The Chair called meeting to order at 11:02. Minutes from last meeting were approved as amended. Praise was directed toward Jennifer for recording a particularly complex discussion.

Alva reported that subsequent to last week's meeting she had further discussion with Lisa Ferrari regarding the research misconduct issue. Lisa suggested that the PSC provide a detailed account of our concerns, which we could send to Kris for analysis by the university's legal representative. Jennifer suggested that we include our proposals for addressing inconsistencies between the Faculty Code and the university's Scientific Misconduct Policy. The PSC's preference is generally to follow the recommendation of the IRB to resolve any particular case by first dealing with research misconduct issues and then, subsequently, allowing the Code to govern any remaining evaluation or grievance procedures. Alva will attempt to capture the sentiment of the PSC in a draft statement that she will present to the PSC before its next meeting.

The committee then returned to its review of the English Department's revised statement of evaluation standards and procedures. The committee will direct the English Department to include explicit language that career instructors should take part in evaluating other faculty members in the department, consistent with their duties as specified in the Faculty Code. Further, Alva will draft for the committee's review a Code interpretation. Our proposed Code interpretation will state that visiting and adjunct faculty should not participate in reviewing others in the department.

The committee decided to make our regular meeting time next week (March 7) available to the subcommittees. The full committee will meet on March 21.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Rex