

## Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee

January 30, 2009

PRESENT: Bartanen, Bodine, Christoph, Edgoose, Haltom, Tomlin (chair), Wood

1. The meeting was convened at 1:05 p.m.
2. There were no announcements
3. Minutes from January 23.  
Amendments were suggested. The minutes will be reworked for approval at the next meeting.
4. Sub-Committee Status Updates & Plan for Spring.  
The committee went through the “matrix” of charges approved at the meeting of December 12, 2008. It was agreed that emphasis needed to be put on subcommittee work, so the PSC as a whole agreed to meet next in two weeks (on February 13<sup>th</sup>) to address the charges that are ready for full committee attention.  
These should be:
  - Charge #6 on appointments shared by two departments or programs.
  - Charge #7 on harassment in student evaluations.
  - Charge #2 on the definition of “tenure-line.”
    - o Some members questioned the PSC’s role on this issue if it were to involve the creation of policy. If that is the direction our discussions take it might be an issue better handled by the Senate.
    - o Others saw the issue as one of interpretation, concerning the question of whether tenure rests with the individual or the position.
  - Charge #5 on expectations for professional development.
    - o The subcommittee agreed to look at evaluation guidelines to see how different departments specified their expectations for professional development.
    - o Another committee member wondered if this might be better addressed through the broader issue of workloads and the possibilities of improved mentorship to help guide new faculty members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00p.m.

Submitted respectfully,

Julian Edgoose