

DRAFT: MINUTES OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
May 11, 2010

PRESENT: Bartanen, Block, Butcher, Goldstein, Haltom, Wood

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM.

The minutes of April 30 were approved.

The discussion turned to the document: Criteria for Evaluation, Tenure, and Promotion, Asian Languages and Cultures, Asian Studies Program. The PSC **M/S/P: approval of the revised version, dated 4/29/10**, and extends its grateful thanks to the members of the ALC Program for their hard work in developing this document. It was suggested that, in addition to the general statement contained within the first paragraph of the document that all participants in a review process review the Faculty Code and the Professional Standards Committee document entitled "Faculty Evaluation Criteria and Procedures" (often referred to as the "Buff Document) that the ALC may want to include explicit language that indicates that consideration of Departmental and University needs is a factor when deliberating on tenure cases.

Next, we discussed the document: Politics and Government Department's Evaluation Criteria, and an email sent by P & G Chair Prof. Sousa, to Geoffrey Block/PSC on May 5, 2010 in response to questions raised by the PSC about some items in the document. The PSC accepts the proposed course of action detailed in that email, which includes:

- 1) at present, the wish by P & G not to modify the Professional Growth section in its Evaluation Criteria document, and
- 2) P & G will consider the other suggestions made by the PSC when it drafts a revised version of its Evaluation Criteria document.

The PSC will revisit the entire Politics and Government Department's Evaluation Criteria document when it is resubmitted by the P & G Department.

Finally, a procedural issue was raised, concerning managing the conflicting demands on time spent by the PSC on ongoing business (such as carryover business from the previous academic year, reviews of departmental evaluation criteria, and all other charges transmitted to the PSC from the Faculty Senate at the beginning of the academic year) versus time devoted to additional tasks that have been passed to the PSC throughout the course of the semester from a variety of sources. It was agreed that this item should be placed on next year's agenda.

A heartfelt thanks was expressed to Professor Haltom for his hard work and effective leadership as Chair for the past academic year, and thanks and farewells were also expressed to the Committee members who will rotate off the PSC at the end of this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Goldstein, Geology