

## **Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee**

May 7, 2007

PRESENT: Kris Bartanen, Sigrun Bodine, Doug Cannon, Julian Edgoose, Karl Fields, Grace Kirchner, George Tomlin

Kirchner convened the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

### **1. Announcements/New Business.**

- Thanks were expressed to Doug Cannon for his presentation of the Code revision that passed in the May 1<sup>st</sup> faculty meeting and he was congratulated on his election to Senate Chair.
- Kirchner reported that her end-of-year report to the Senate was received with little comment, except on the proposed Code interpretation on early tenure in which the PSC tried to clarify an earlier formal interpretation from 1987 that specifies a higher standard in cases of early tenure. The Senate will revisit that issue next year. As the Senate (like the Board) seems to be favoring the removal of that higher standard for early tenure, it was suggested that such a change could not be made by a further PSC formal interpretation and would, rather, need a Code revision as the 1987 interpretation has the status of Code.

### **2. Minutes from April 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

These were approved with minor amendments.

### **3. Foreign Languages and Literature.**

The May 3<sup>rd</sup> revisions of the FLL evaluation criteria and standards were approved.

### **4. Communication Studies.**

A chart of minor revisions to the Communication Studies Department's evaluation criteria and standards was approved. Three remaining substantive issues were addressed: the inclusion of student letters in files, the definitions of faculty participation in reviews, and details of the Director of Forensics' professional growth criteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Submitted Respectfully,

Julian Edgoose