

Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee
February 23, 2006

Present: Kris Bartanen, Bill Breitenbach, Karl Fields, Grace Kirchner, Sarah Moore, John Riegsecker, Don Share, Carolyn Weisz (chair)

PSC Chair Weisz called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Breitenbach proposed two minor revisions to the minutes of February 16, 2006 and the minutes were approved as revised.

The committee devoted the entire meeting to discussing the amendments to the Amendment to Chapter III on Appeals and Hearing Boards in anticipation of the March 6th Faculty Meeting.

Initial discussion focused on procedures for most effectively presenting information to the faculty, including (1) circulating the amendment prior to the meeting and (2) considering options for presenting the information during the meeting in an effective and relatively efficient way. It was determined that the most effective sequence of presentation would be (1) the issue of confidentiality found in III, 6, c., (8); (2) proposed revisions to Section 7; and (3) a number of minor “housekeeping” amendments.

Concerning the issue of confidentiality—Chapter III, Section 6, c., (8)—the committee discussed an alternative proposal sent by Senator Bill Haltom and revised his suggestion to read as follows: “Hearing board members shall treat as confidential all information learned as a result of the appeal or hearing process.”

The committee next discussed a number of minor housekeeping edits and revisions:

- III, 6, a: change “Appeal” to lower case;
- III, 6, a, (3): change “provided” to “specified above”;
- III, 6, a, (5), (c): insert “in writing: in line 2 after “submitted” and again in (d), line 2 after “submitted.”
- III, 6, a, (5), (e): discussed in line 1 whether “and” should be replaced by “or”;
- III, 6, a, (5), (e): insert “jointly” after “may” in line 2
- III, 6, b: change “Board” and “Roster” to lower case

In the remaining time, the committee considered a number of suggested revisions of Sections 6 and 7 of Chapter III sent by Senator Haltom, concluding it would be best to allow Senator Haltom, rather than the PSC, to introduce these additions in the faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Fields