Professional Standards Committee Minutes November 19, 1996

Present: W. Breitenbach, D. Potts, J. Riegsecker, T. Taranovski, L. Wood

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 and adjourned at 9:58.

The Committee continued its discussion of two faculty requests for Code interpretations (see PSC minutes of September 10, 1996) and approved responses, drafted by W. Breitenbach as the Committee chair, to these requests. The issue was raised of whether one or more of these responses may be "of significant merit," which would necessitate formal written interpretations to be delivered to the Faculty Senate for inclusion within the Senate minutes and forwarded to the Board of Trustees for its concurrence (see Faculty Code, Chapter 1, Part F, Section 1). The Committee found that some of the issues raised by the faculty and addressed in the Committee responses to them may be of significant merit and should be discussed in draft form at the next meeting.

The Committee also discussed a letter to be sent to the department chairs concerning the issue of class visitations during the process of faculty evaluation.

Respectfully submitted, T. Taranovski