

A & S Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2010

Present: Patrice McMahon, Sidnie White Crawford, Pat Dussault, Helen Moore, Judy Walker, Amy Goodburn, Will Thomas, Shireen Adenwalla, Greg Snow, David Manderscheid and Becky Carter

Not able to attend: Sebastian Elbaum and Sunil Narumalani

1. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes for the January 28, 2010 Executive Committee meeting.
2. Reappointments: For the past five years, the college has allowed two year reappointments at the department level (2nd year and the 4th year). In practice, because of the Board of Regents policy, pre-tenure faculty need to be reappointed every year because they need twelve months notice, if they will not be reappointed. Associate Dean Goodburn will be taking the issue to the Chair and Director meeting today.
3. Course Buy-out Policy: Dean Manderscheid gave an overview of current policies. This is a complex issue with advantages and disadvantages for the college, with variability across department teaching loads. The committee suggested that the current policy seems reasonable as long as the College allows exceptions. Dean Manderscheid will be taking the issue to the Chairs and Directors meeting today.
4. February 18 Executive Committee Meeting: Dean Manderscheid will be the only dean in town on February 18. He is giving the committee the freedom to meet on their own, set their own agenda and report back.
5. Travel Policy: Dean Manderscheid gave an overview of the current travel policy. Currently, each faculty members is allowed \$600/year to use towards travel on conferences in which they are presenting. The dean would like a policy that allows for more strategic decision making to be made at the department level. The committee discussed several options. Dean Manderscheid will be taking the issue to the Chair and Director meeting today.