

University Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2020

3:30pm, Combs 236

In attendance: Betsy Lewis (at-large, Chair), Jennifer Magee (at-large, Secretary), Randall Reif (at-large), Xiaofeng Zhao (COB), Jo Tyler (COE), Eric Bonds (CAS)

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm.

Betsy reported on UFC meeting discussion of Handbook language on faculty evaluation. UFC agrees with the spirit of our proposed changes and provided a few comments. The committee will be discussing and editing the language at our February meeting.

Discussion of Motion received from UAAC on mid-semester progress reporting to be required of all faculty. We are supportive of the spirit of the motion and understand the need for this type of progress reporting, both for students and advisors. We support the use of S, U, and N. However, since Marginal is not well-defined and potentially has much variability in meaning, we are in favor of *not* including M as an option. We suggest that Banner make S default for all students in the class, to ease the burden on faculty while still providing meaningful feedback to students.

If this Motion does pass the UFC, we would craft language for the statements in Section 6.3 and 6.3.2, different than what was proposed in the original motion. The statement in 6.3 should be more general (for instance “submits academic reports”) and language in 6.3.2 should be phrased in the positive rather than the negative.

Our next meeting is February 13th at 3:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.