

University Faculty Affairs Committee meeting minutes

November 12, 2020

3:30 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Randall Reif (at-large, Chair), Jennifer Magee (at-large, Secretary), Caitie Finlayson (at-large), Lance Gentry (COB), Eric Bonds (CAS), Beverly Epps (COE)

The meeting began at 3:30 pm.

The committee began by discussing issues with Section 4 of the Faculty Handbook, particularly section 4.3.3.4. The committee created a motion to change language in this section to require the Provost to deliberate with UFAC, rather than UFC, in cases involving suspension of a faculty member pending an investigation of charges.

We agreed to address the issues brought to our committee by the group of Special Assignments by adding Handbook Language to address the concerns. We discussed issues of ensuring all Special Assignments have contracts, defining Special Assignments within the Handbook, and addressing how these assignments can be counted towards promotion and tenure. Our first step will be to identify which sections in the Handbook would need altered to address these concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.