

Commission on Faculty Affairs
Minutes
November 7, 2014

Members Attending: Montasir Abbas, Bonnie Alberts (for Velva Groover), Rami Dalloul (Chair), Jack Finney, Brad Klein, Wat Hopkins, Rodney Irvin, Chad Lavin, Drew Muscente, and James Spotila.

1. Approval and posting of minutes from the October 24 meeting.
2. Self-plagiarism: Update from COR and CFA representatives meeting on October 28 to discuss Research Policy 13020 (Policy on Misconduct in Research).
3. CFA 2014-15A: Resolution to approve the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics.
4. Representation/nomination to serve on nominating committees for a) Academy of Faculty Service and b) University Distinguished Professor.
5. CFA meetings day/time for Spring 2015.
6. Other

New Business:

1. Announcement to approve and post the minutes from October 24 meeting. Those minutes have been posted on the CFA Scholar site.

Minutes were approved.

2. Self-plagiarism: Update from COR and CFA representatives meeting on October 28 to discuss Research Policy 13020 (Policy on Misconduct in Research).

Dalloul explained that he and Wat Hopkins met with two representatives of Commission on Research (COR) to discuss changes to the university plagiarism document. During the meeting CFA members reviewed the proposed changes. CFA members suggested to replace the second to last sentence under Section 2.2 Activities Covered with “This includes self-plagiarism, which occurs when and an author reuses or presents substantial parts of his or her own published work or data as new without providing appropriate references to the previous work.”

3. CFA 2014-15A: Resolution to approve the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics.

CFA members completed a second reading of the resolution to approve the new department name and reviewed the explanation that Stefan Duma, Department Head of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics provided to Finney. The explanation discussed the distinction between Mechanics and Mechanical Engineering. Finney added that the title of the resolution was changed to include the new department name to ensure that this document would appear in online searches. Motion for name change was voted on and passed by CFA members.

4. Representation/nomination to serve on nominating committees for a) Academy of Faculty Service and b) University Distinguished Professor.

Dalloul asked for two CFA members to represent CFA on the Academy of Faculty Service and University Distinguished Professor committees. Abbas will be representing CFA in the Academy of Faculty Service committee and Hopkins in the University Distinguished Professor committee.

5. CFA meetings day/time for Spring 2015.

After discussing CFA members' teaching schedules for next semester, CFA members decided to change their meeting time for Spring 2015 to 11:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

6. Other

Finney suggested for an agenda item to be added to all CFA meetings that allows for CFA representatives to report back on the affairs of other commissions and committees.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder,
Elsa Camargo