

Motion to Create a New Standing Committee of the Senate

by the

Executive Committee Working Group on Standing Committees

Motion

Whereas the Executive Committee of the University Senate asked for a review of the coverage of faculty affairs issues in light of the reports of the Ad Hoc Committees on Non-Tenure Stream Faculty, and

Whereas each existing standing committee of the Senate is concerned with faculty affairs in one way or another and several address issues closely related to the reports of the Ad Hoc Committees on Non-Tenure Stream Faculty, and

Whereas the working group concurred that the formation of a new standing committee on “Faculty Affairs” could indeed provide coverage of faculty matters outside the scope of the existing standing committees, therefore be it

Resolved that Faculty Assembly:

1. approves the creation a new Standing Committee on Faculty Affairs with a mission statement that indicates its purview as *“Policies and procedures pertaining to faculty affairs including: faculty development (e.g., leaves, travel allowances, internal grants), faculty performance (e.g. contracts, annual evaluation, compensation, appointments and promotions), faculty engagement (e.g. community service, committee appointments, administrative activities, involvement in governance), part time faculty issues (e.g. access to technology, access to libraries, benefits), and other similar faculty issues that might arise.”*
2. directs that each standing committee review its title and mission statement to insure that where the committee is concerned with matters that pertain to non-tenure stream faculty, the committee title and the mission statement clearly state that their scope includes all faculty – full time, part time, tenure stream and non-tenure stream.
3. directs the executive committee to work proactively to define boundary issues that may appear before this committee but that are primarily the purview of another standing committee such as Educational Policies (curricular matters, OMET evaluations, etc.) or Tenure and Academic Freedom (promotion issues, grievances, matters of academic freedom, etc.).

Submitted by Michael B. Spring, Chair, on behalf of the working group: Helen Cahalane, Lorraine Denman, Bonnie Falcione, Irene Frieze, Robin Kear, Laurie Kirsch, Maria Kovacs, Douglas Landsittel, Lori Molinaro, Penelope Morel, Christina Newhill, Wesley Rohrer, Michael Spring, John Stoner, Jay Sukits, Cindy Tananis, Linda Tashbook, Seth Weinberg, Frank Wilson.

Recommendation of the Chair of the Working Group pending approval of the motion

Elections will not take place until spring of 2018. There are matters this committee might attend to this year. As Chair, I solicited the interest of some of the people involved in this process who had no conflicting positions on other committees. The following people agree to be considered as members this first year: Christopher W. Bonneau, Helen Grove Cahalane, Lorraine R. Denman, Ata Murat Kaynar, Patrick J. Loughlin, Dawn Lundy Martin, and Thomas J. Songer.

I would ask Faculty Assembly to endorse this group as the core of the committee for this first year.