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Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) Committee**

Minutes for 20 April 2015

Old Business

- AFT coordination with Provost's Office regarding the "advisory" nature of tenure advisory committees (communicating this to faculty at large)
 - Summary from code and our previous discussion: committees advise the department head (by making a recommendation); their role towards the faculty member is evaluative.
 - It was decided to include this in the AFT report to Faculty Senate next year (February 2016).
- Post-tenure review code revisions
 - An update was given on probable Faculty Senate 'final' vote 4/27/15 on changes to the post-tenure review process.
- Handbook
 - After some editing suggestions, it was deemed ready for Provost's Office feedback, and John Stevens was to make the edits and send the handbook to Larry Smith for feedback.

New Business

- Potential need for grievance hearing panel coming up
 - General summer availability of committee members was discussed.
- Elect chair and vice-chair for 2015-2016 year
 - John Stevens elected chair; Michael Lyons elected vice-chair
- Other items from committee
 - Thanked for service.