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PRPC Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2006

Present: MacAdam (chair), Swenson, Dhiman, Fagerheim, Swenson, Paper, Schmidt

- I. Minutes from October meeting were approved.

Old Business

- II. PRPC decided not to respond, at this time, to Mr. Barclay's legal opinion interpreting code 202 and 400, regarding PRPC's role within FSEC and faculty senate.
- III. Jennifer shared the response from Larry Smith regarding the role of ombudsperson on deans' tenure and promotion committees. He noted that there were places where the code does not address in detail questions about the ombudsperson, but advised to follow the spirit of the code. PRPC will forward the issue of code regarding the ombudsperson to the faculty senate.
- IV. Committee will forward issue of defining a "supervisor" for 405.6.2 (supervisors on tenure and promotion committees) to the faculty senate for further instructions, as "supervisor" is used numerous times throughout the code without a specific definition.
- V. Committee discussed variance of code and practice regarding Faculty Forum. It appears that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee composed the agenda for the November 2006 faculty forum, although code 402.9.2 specifies the agenda should be set by the Faculty Forum Executive Committee. Also, the faculty forum is "a medium of open discussion for elected Senate members and the committee chairs without participation by or from the President of the University, the Provost, the presidential appointees, or the student members of the Senate, unless specifically requested by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum" according to 402.9.2. However, the agenda for the November 2006 Faculty Forum features presentations predominately by administrators, revealing that code and actual practice are not aligned. PRPC will forward this issue to the faculty senate.

New Business

- VI. Will discuss dates of separation at December meeting.