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**Utah State University
Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) Committee**

Minutes for 26 January 2015

[Technical issue with dial-in equipment limited dial-in participation.]

Old Business

- John Stevens reported that the AFT-initiated code change proposal (regarding providing the reason for non-renewal in the notice of non-renewal) was approved by the Faculty Senate and sent to PRPC, should be back in Faculty Senate's Feb 2 meeting for First Reading.

New Business

- Handbook construction (for potential grievants, panel chairs, and respondents) will proceed, with Richard Jenson and Kurt Becker agreeing to write up some short thoughts and suggestions. John Stevens was given the homework to contact Larry Smith regarding how grievance panels should react to a non-responsive respondent.
- Post-tenure review code revisions – AFT members should be prepared to see a formal code change proposal soon, based on the outline given on pages 51-59 at <http://www.usu.edu/fsenate/fs/2014-2015/agenda/FSAgenda01122015.pdf>
- Committee discussion (following 11/21/14 discussion) regarding the “advisory” aspect of a faculty member’s “tenure advisory committee”. John Stevens was given the homework to contact Larry Smith to clarify the Provost’s office view on “mentoring” vs. “feedback”.