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Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee
Meeting of September 21, 2005
Minutes

All members were in attendance:

Scott Cannon
Kathy Bullock
Ronda Callister
Dave Olsen
Kurt Becker
Ted Alsop
Jim Barta
Britt Fagerheim
Ron Morrison
Richard Sherlock
Tilak Dhimel
Dallas Holmes
Jennifer MacAdam (chair)

David Olsen was nominated for and elected Vice Chair

Page-numbered copies of the August 30, 2005 Policy Manual were distributed to all members

Additions made since that date by Human Relations were also distributed:

Intellectual Property Policy
Promotion Committee Policy
Ombudsperson Policy

Election of Faculty Senate Officers

PRPC considered the issue of election of Senate officers, specifically a concern that limiting the selection of a president-elect to nominations from the floor during the April meeting may limit the candidate pool. PRPC saw nothing in the code to limit informal solicitation of nominations prior to the formal process. However, it was noted that it is important to verify the eligibility of candidates before closure of nominations. The preference of PRPC is to leave the code unchanged and recommend instead that Senators be notified well in advance of the April meeting of the eligibility requirements for election to President-Elect (402.7.3) and the procedure for election (402.10.3) so they will be well-prepared for the nomination process at the April meeting.

Promotion of Faculty with Term Appointments

PRPC agreed it would be appropriate to codify an exclusion for lecturers. We propose the following be added as the last sentence of Section 405.11.4 (1): "The external review process is not required for those seeking promotion in the lecturer ranks in cases where teaching and service constitute 75% or more of the role statement appointment."

Conduct of Senators

A proposal was introduced to codify repercussions for members of the Senate who violate standards of conduct. PRPC concluded a problem existed and proposed considering draft code at the next PRPC meeting.