

Period Report for Senate Committees
Academic Year: 2009-2010
Faculty Research Committee
Chairperson: Renee Douglas, co-chair Paul Klatt
Date 13 April, 2010
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Attendance:

Paul Klatt (Chaired), Carol Rewers, Michael Keating.

Old Business:

- 1) Final FRC Report will be sent by Renee to the Academic Senate Office by April 20th.
- 2) Tabled items from October:
 - a) *Mechanism for the provision of denial feedback*: Chair will notify applicants of committee decision. Chair will retain copy of committee meeting notes and provide additional feedback to applicants- only upon applicant request and on a case-by-case basis. Applicants can contact chair via email or phone to request additional information.
 - b) *Offering pre-application guidance*: Details of application process is provided online. Applicants who have additional questions can also contact the Faculty Research Committee chair or committee members for further assistance/process clarification.
 - c) *Time commitment to the committee (is three years enough?)*: The current policy holds a requirement of three years; with the exception of members appointed by the Senate who serve a one (1) year term. Members present discussed the potential pro's and con's of increasing the length of time members serve on the committee from 3 years to either 4 or 5 years and concluded extending terms might deter new members from serving on the committee. Concluded, members might be more willing to extend term commitment after having already served. Tabled decision pending: Members present approved - no change to current policy.
 - d) *Is the number of members adequate*: Membership might be dependent on the number of applicants. Membership should try to be evenly distributed throughout the various colleges to prevent the potential biasing in the allocation of grant money.
 - e) *Grad-student membership (discussed previously; seemed to decide grad-students maybe, somehow, but not for actual approval of their own faculty*: Those present were not in favor of grad-student membership.

New Business:

None.

Minutes Submitted by Carol Rewers, Ph.D.