

Dean's Council Minutes for March 1, 2017

Attending: Jill Cermele, Joshua Kavaloski, Caitlin Killian, Juliette Lantz, Rosemary McLaughlin, Chris Taylor

The meeting was convened at 1:20.

I. Dean's Report

A. The Dean gave an update on faculty searches. Some candidates were on campus last week, and others are coming soon.

B. The Dean reported that the trustees held their meeting last week. He noted that there were presentations of admissions and financial information.

II. Divisional representatives reported back from their meetings some of the comments on the Committee on Faculty document about non-tenure track professors and on the status of the INTO faculty.

III. There was a discussion of the topics on the agenda for the faculty meeting.

A. The Dean noted that even if there is support for the Committee on Faculty recommendations for non-tenure track faculty expectations and promotions, nothing will happen until the matter is discussed by the Committees on Faculty of the graduate school and the theological school, and then it would have to be approved by the cabinet and the board.

B. There was an involved discussion of the changes to the faculty regulations, especially concerning the following:

i. the differences between elected and appointed committees and whether the dean actually appoints faculty to committees or whether he approves a slate put forward by the nominating committee (Dean's Council)

ii. the new role of the Dean's council to deal with findings of unprofessional behavior disputed by the faculty member and some changes to the language to describe this process in a less legalistic and more collegial way

iii. plans for the Google form to get feedback from faculty members on the new draft of faculty regulation

IV. A Dean's Council member asked when the calendar will be set for next year as there was some concern about the placement and number of Reading Days, e.g., conflicts between weekend reading days and religious observance, etc. The Dean responded that Cabinet may have already approved the calendar and would be making these decisions in the future. Deans Council members expressed a desire to have input into calendar considerations.

V. There was some discussion of exam-taking for students in unusual circumstances such as verified absences and whose responsibility it is to give them. When Academic Services sends a verification notice, this be handled by Dean Redling's office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Caitlin Killian