

Faculty Senate Minutes
1 – 1:45 P.M.
March 18, 2011

Members Present

Aram Hajian
Varduhi Petrosyan
Byron Crape
Arthur Drampian
Catherine Buon
Melissa Brown
Irshat Madyarov
Vahan Bournazian
Marine Antonyan
Eric Guevorkian
Gagik Gabrielyan
Sona Nalpandyan

Members Absent

Karen Aghababyan
Lusine Galajyan

Guests

Rebecca Carter
Sona Nalbandyan
Tom Samuelian

FACULTY SENATE AGENDA

- Quorum Call
- Approval of minutes of February 4, 2011
- Approval of Agenda
- Committee Reports
- Research and Scholarship Task Force
- Brown Bag events
- Video-conferences/public lectures
- Sexual harassment officer
- Workplace civility
- Course evaluations
- Guests
- Schedule of upcoming meetings

MINUTES

- **Quorum Call**

Quorum present

- **Approval of February 4, 2011 minutes**

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The minutes of February 4, 2011 were read and approved.

- **Research and Scholarship Task Force**

As part of the reaccreditation process, AUA has chosen a theme on research and scholarship. This definition has been expanding lately in US universities to include a larger spectrum of activities, e.g. scholarship of integration of disciplines, scholarship of application, scholarship of teaching, etc. Our definition should consider AUA mission, context, impact, teaching, retention and promotion decisions. **The RSTF is currently preparing a report to be presented at an upcoming meeting.**

- **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee

EC met and discussed responsibilities of the EC committee members and future plans.

Curriculum Committee

- CC has approved a few documents/proposals: SBM and DEP proposals on their curriculum changes
- Student learning sub-committee (SLS)
 - This is a new sub-committee to institutionalize the efforts to ensure student learning effort.
 - SLS put together a report with strengths and weakness of student learning. Some findings include: better monitoring of student learning across department, more effort needed to close the loop and explicitly state methodology decisions; need for training of faculty on student assessment: **in-house expertise and invited external trainer (tentatively Fall 2011)**

Ethics and Grievance Committee

- No grievances reported. Procedural regulations are now up online.
- Effort should be made to make these procedures transparent and accessible, but we should also minimize the potential for abuse of these policies.

Committee on Extension Programs

No new requests for course review from the Extension Program

- **Brown Bag events**
Suggestions to be sent to Melissa
- **Video-conferences/Public Lectures**
President Boghosian suggested we invite speakers to deliver talks and lectures in the video conference room, for the public or AUA faculty and/or students. **EC to follow up.**
- **Sexual Harassment Officer**
AUA has a sexual harassment policy, but there is no person who would be coordinating this office. Provost Danielian offered to lead a discussion and/or serve as officer since she has been trained in this area. It was suggested that one officer should be female and the other one male.
- **Workplace Civility**
Based on the record on grievances and mediation, there seems no use for this training at this point.
- **Course Evaluations**
The administration supports FS interest in revisiting the revision of the course evaluations. All stakeholders should be included. In the recent past, FS appointed a ad-hoc committee. The committee would ideally include multiple different kinds of stakeholders.

Volunteers for the ad-hoc committee: Aram Hajian, Byron Crape, Catherine Buon, and Eric Guevorkian.
- **Guests**
Rebecca Carter: announcement about the upcoming training
- **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**
April 14, Thursday
May 12, Thursday
June 9, Thursday

Meeting was adjourned 1:45 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Irshat Madyarov.