COMMITTEE: Faculty Governance Committee

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2000

PERSON PRESIDING: Henry Ferrell

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Allred, Henry Ferrell, Mary Glascoff, Paul Hartley, Jim Joyce, Mark Taggart, Tinsley Yarbrough

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ben Irons, Brenda Killingsworth, Bob Morrison, Richard Ringelien, Ralph Scott, Worth Worthington

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING:
1. The minutes of October 11, 2000 were approved.

2. The committee discussed the consideration of clarifying the definition of "voting faculty" member. Action: It was agreed to provide an editorial revision to Appendix D to make the section on voting faculty easier to find by also including it in the table of contents.

3. There was some discussion regarding whether unit administrators are allowed to vote in elections of Personnel Committees if the individual has more than half of his load as teaching/research. A situation in the School of Art was cited. It was agreed to continue this discussion at a later meeting.

4. There was a discussion regarding the joint interpretation of progress towards tenure letters which include a cumulative evaluation of a candidate’s teaching, research and service and any other relevant duties: may this cumulative evaluation serve as the final evaluation in tenure decisions? Action: after some discussion, a motion was made to pass over the interpretation. Motion passed.

5. There was a special order discussion of Faculty Appellate Committees. The discussion revolved around the preparation of a handbook assisting the Appellate committees in doing their work. It was agreed to continue the discussion, and to e-mail committee members with suggestions for the handbook.

6. A discussion followed regarding the content, evaluation and storage of Personnel Action Dossiers, led by the subcommittee charged to examine this. It was agreed that further discussion was needed on this issue.

7. The committee then adjourned until its next regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2000.
Respectfully submitted:

Mark Taggart, secretary