COMMITTEE: Faculty Governance Committee

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 2002

PERSON PRESIDING: Mary Glascoff

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Hartley and James Joyce

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kitty Wetherington, Henry Ferrell, Linda Ingalls

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Niswander (representing Bob Morrison), Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

1. There was no quorum present, so the group discussed items as a subcommittee.

2. Dr. Joyce stated that he is still very concerned about probationary term faculty serving on unit personnel committees. He read an excerpt from Robert’s Rules of Order concerning voting on issues and described several areas, such as progress-toward-tenure letters and other considerations, where it would be best if only permanently tenured faculty were included in the discussions and recommendations. Dr. Joyce indicated that he realizes that the Faculty Senate did not agree with the Governance Committee’s recommendation last year to include only permanently tenured faculty in the membership of the Appendix D committees. He suggests that the Faculty Governance Committee consider sending their recommendation to include only permanently tenured faculty on personnel committees again and to present good reasons why. It might also be appropriate to seek a legal opinion.

Dr. Ferrell asked if we know how many units choose to have probationary term faculty on their personnel committees. He believes that there is inconsistency and no standard across the university.

There was significant discussion regarding this issue, with several options on how to best address it, including reporting specific concerns to the Faculty Senate, directing that probationary term faculty must recuse themselves according to Robert’s Rules, combining all concerns, issues, and suggestions for resolving them into a comprehensive report to the Senate. No final decision was made.

2. A very brief discussion of research data ownership and various policies and issues related to this topic was held. Since neither Dr. Robert Morrison nor Mr. Al Schreier were present to further elaborate on issues related to this subject, the group agreed that it should be considered again at the next meeting of the committee.

3. The next meeting of the committee will be Wednesday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m.

4. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.