COMMITTEE: Faculty Governance

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2005

PERSON PRESIDING: Puri Martinez

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Anderson, John Cope, Edson Justiniano, Puri Martinez, Bob Morrison, and Tinsley Yarbrough

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Catherine Rigsby

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Agenda Item: Election of officers

Discussion: The committee elected Puri Martinez as chair, Edson Justiniano, and a combination of Patricia Anderson (fall 2005) and Bob Morrison (Spring 2006) as co-secretaries of the committee.

Agenda Item: Business carried over

Discussion: The committee reviewed the annual report from the 2004-2005 academic year for the Faculty Governance Committee. The group agreed to focus most immediately on revisions to Appendix D, beginning primary discussions on sections not reviewed by the committee last year (beginning on the 7th draft, page 9, “Appendix D. IV.3.C. “External Peer Review for Promotion and the Conferral of Permanent Tenure.” Chair Martinez will also return to the next meeting to suggest other goals that may be prioritized to assist the committee in its work during this academic year. Sub-committees will be appointed as necessary to assist with this work.

Agenda Item: Meeting schedule

Discussion: The group agreed to follow the previous years’ schedule of meeting every other week during the academic year. The meetings will begin at 3:00 and will end by no later than 4:30

Agenda Item: Interpretation regarding search committees

Discussion: Chair of the Faculty Rigsby presented a proposed interpretation regarding the question of whether fixed-term faculty members could serve on search committees. The committee discussed several point, and considered this official interpretation:

Appendix D concerns all Procedures for initiation, Review, and Approval of appointments, Reappointments, Promotions, and the Conferral of Permanent Tenure. Appendix D’s definition of voting faculty must be used when selecting
search committee members. Only voting faculty members, as defined by appendix D, may vote on the selection of a search committee. Only voting faculty members may serve on search committees.

Action Taken: Motion to approve (Anderson), with second. Motion passed without dissent.

Agenda Item: Time Table for campus-wide due dates for promotion, tenure and reappointments

Discussion: Chair of the Faculty Rigsby explained the variations of dates used across campus for requiring faculty members to submit their PAD’s. She proposed that a subcommittee be appointed to discuss this issue with the possible creation of a standard set of dates to be used campus-wide for all faculty in the university. The group agreed to consider this issue and appointed a sub-committee, asking them to have a report for presentation at the October 12, 2005 meeting.

Assigned additional duties to: Catherine Rigsby and Bob Morrison

NEXT MEETING: September 28, 2005

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Priorities for the committee, Appendix D revisions, other items