COMMITTEE: Faculty Governance

MEETING DATE: April 26, 2006

PERSON PRESIDING: Martinez

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Anderson, John Cope, Edson Justiniano, Nanyoung Kim, Bob Morrison, Puri Martinez, and Mark Taggart

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: James Leroy Smith, MGF Gilliland, Catherine Rigsby, and Paul Zigas

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee, Lisa Sutton, and Deirdre Mageean

ACTIONS OF MEETING

The meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m. by chair Martinez.

Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes
Action taken: Minutes of the April 12, 2006 meeting were approved.

Agenda Item: Joint appointments
Discussion: Vice chancellor for research Deirdre Mageean discussed issues of joint appointments. She expressed the need to have personnel committees making promotion and tenure decisions that have a composition that is reflective of the units for which candidates have a joint appointments. Vice Chancellor Mageean will have models for joint appointments with internal and external centers forwarded to the Governance Committee. The committee discussed setting up a subcommittee that would include members familiar with joint appointment issues.

Agenda Item: Meeting with the chancellor on Appendix C.
Discussion: Some of the deans have expressed concern over the new titles. In particular there has been concern over the Clinical Assistant Professor title. The committee discussed the "appropriate terminal degree" language. It was suggested that the word "appropriate" would allow some interpretation that could be presented by the faculty chair.

The two co-secretaries had to leave the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and the following notes were kept by MGF Gilliland.

Discussion continued pointing out that the language in Appendix C I.D.3.c does not prevent the Schools of Nursing and of Allied Health from hiring appropriate faculty. Further discussion considered the relative merits of providing a narrow interpretation vs an editorial substitution which would not require Faculty Senate approval. The latter course seemed less likely to suggest making a similar change in the very different areas of research and teaching. Language from Appendix L was incorporated to emphasize the differences allowing the change to be editorial. The committee agreed that it was preferable not to be perceived as intransigent.

Action Taken: The motion that was unanimously accepted is
"In light of the uniqueness of the health science professions and the need to fulfill the clinical mission of the University, members of the Faculty Governance Committee believe that a change of the word "terminal" to "professional" --exclusively applied to Appendix C. Section I.D.3. c. Clinical Assistant Professor -- is editorial and represents a compromise that facilitates shared governance."

This change refers to Appendix C.I.D.3.c.
I. Selection and Appointment of New Faculty
   D. Requirements for ranks and titles
      3. Titles of Fixed-Term Appointments
         c. Faculty with duties primarily in clinical teaching
            Clinical Assistant Professor
            - holds the appropriate terminal degree, as evaluated by the academic unit and affirmed by the appointing officer and the profession concerned

Agenda Item: Conflict of Executive Council meetings with Faculty Governance Committee meetings.
Discussion: It was proposed that the committee ask the Executive Council to consider changing times of its meeting as the conflict on Wednesdays at 3 pm is making shared governance more difficult. Provost Smith had suggested that the conflict needed to be fixed prior to his leaving the meeting. It was pointed out that those on the Faculty Governance Committee had agreed to serve based on the Wednesday at 3 pm meeting time.

Agenda Item: Annual report.
Action Taken: Editorial corrections were made in the Annual Report which was accepted.

The meeting ended at about 5:30 pm.
Submitted by Bob Morrison, co-secretary, with notes from MGF Gilliland.