

Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes – October 31, 2006

In attendance: Steve Hanks, Bob Howard, Marinilka Kimbro, Cathy Tashiro (Chair)
Absent: Johann Reusch, Marian Harris

Minutes

- Added a point #6 to possible issues: Course release and buyout policy. Minutes for the October 3 meeting then approved as amended.

Discussion on Lounge Space

- Desired: space for both work and discussion
- How large? About 20 present at one time, but room for future growth
- What's wrong with the Metro space?
 - too small
 - acoustics do not invite conversation
 - private conversations difficult
 - no ad hoc work area
- Not too sterile (lounge-like feeling)
- Some option(s) for food/beverage service. Suggestions include
 - "maintained" coffee service
 - some kind of kitchen space (not popular)
 - catered somehow, either externally or by virtue of proximity to Spaghetti Factory
- Wi-fi or computer availability? Computer availability probably not required due to ubiquity of laptops; want to guard against the space becoming a "pure work zone"
- Financing: explore external sponsorship, internal dues

Future Meetings

- Last Tuesday in November (28th)
- December 12 (tentative)

Workload

- Reviewed data supplied by Marinilka regarding teaching workload
- Question: what is the campus-wide issue (as opposed to a program-wide issue)?
- Question: how does this related to the original charge of developing a grievance process
 - example: faculty told to teach an unfair number of courses; what is the process of appeal / recourse
- What role does faculty governance play in this issue?
- Marinilka will continue the analysis of contact hours with the expectation of presenting to Faculty Assembly in the future