

Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 18
Meeting Summary

Action Items

- [] Send the adopted faculty manual language on peer review committees to Faculty Affairs and the Provost.
- [] Follow up in Faculty Rank Committee on the process portion of the peer review committee policy proposal.
- [] Consider posting videos of informational faculty council meetings for better accessibility by the faculty at large.

Outline

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Jeffrey George calls the meeting to order and discusses the approval of previous meeting minutes.
- Rosemary Millar moves to approve the minutes, and Chris Dorr seconds the motion.
- The motion passes without dissent.

EPC Updates and Policy Revisions

- Janine Hawley provides updates on EPC, including the removal of the DLA GPA threshold for graduation.
- The policy revision will absorb the DLA GPA into the cumulative GPA, starting next fall for all students.
- Janine mentions the adjustment of the deadline for curricular changes to January 29th.

Faculty Development Committee

- Rosemary Millar discusses the Faculty Development Committee's meeting with Mimi Harding, the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC) project manager.
- The committee reviewed the previous year's funding and discussed the current year's allocation of \$25,000.
- Rosemary highlights the challenges of faculty reassigned time presentations and the need for more intentional planning.
- The deadline for grant applications is October 18th
- Faculty can apply for full funding every two years. If they received less than the maximum amount previously, they can apply for the remainder the next year.

Faculty Rank Committee

- Steven LaCosse provides updates on the Faculty Rank Committee, including the signing of NDAs and the review of cases.
- The committee is working on codifying procedure for voting on rank promotion, and outlining clear procedures by which a school can request help for peer review committees from other schools.
- Steve and Elizabeth will lead a panel discussion on peer review committees during the Faculty Enrichment Day.

Faculty Assembly and Shared Governance

- Cliff Odle and Elizabeth Klaimon discuss the Faculty Assembly's recent meeting and the importance of shared governance.
- Elizabeth highlights the role of Wade Mackey in building bridges with the UNC system and the Board of Governors.
- The Faculty Assembly is working on various task forces, including the APR, making a case for higher education, micro credentialing, AI policy, and faculty leadership development.
- Elizabeth emphasizes the need for faculty to participate in shared governance and the importance of their voice in policy decisions.

Discussion on AI Policy and Micro-Credentialing

- Elizabeth, Jeffrey George, and Chris Dorr discuss the UNC system's development of an AI policy and its potential impact on faculty and students.
- Elizabeth and Jeffrey mention the use of micro-credentialing and its potential benefits for faculty and students.
- Jeffrey George highlights the importance of proper training and understanding the value of AI in education.
- The discussion includes the potential for requiring AI use in courses and the benefits of AI in various disciplines.

Faculty Assembly's Role and Challenges

- Cliff expresses concerns about the faculty assembly's advisory role and the lack of influence in decision-making.
- The conversation includes the need for better communication and transparency in decision-making processes.

Proposed Changes to Peer Review Committee

- Steve LaCosse proposes a change to the faculty manual regarding peer review committees for rank promotion.
- The proposed changes allow schools to reach out to other schools for members if they lack enough members.
- The motion is seconded by Bill Volz, and the discussion includes the need for a clear process and the importance of maintaining faculty standards.
- The motion is approved without dissent. Further discussion and refinement of the process will happen in Faculty Rank Committee and be brought to Faculty Council later in the year.

Meeting Videos and Minutes

- Jeffrey proposes the idea of posting meeting videos to make Faculty Council meetings more accessible.
- The discussion includes the challenges of maintaining confidentiality and the potential benefits of increased transparency.
- Jeffrey emphasizes the importance of accurate minutes and the need for a clear policy on the use of meeting videos.
- The conversation includes the potential for using different platforms like Teams for future meetings to improve the process of minutes taking.