

**FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
2009-2010**

Membership:

Harold I. Friedman (Chair-2011)
David Reisman (2010)
Tony Gregg (2010)
Chris Robinson (2011)
Laura Wells (2012)
Jan Breuer (2012)

Ex Officio members: Patrick Nolan- Chair Faculty Senate, Michael Amiridis- Provost, Christine Curtis -Senior Vice-Provost

New Members elected beginning fall '10 and ending 2013: Professors James Knapp and Danielle Holley-Walker. Dr. James Carper will fill in for the unexpired term of Laura Walls.

Meetings were held on the following dates: 9/21/2009, 10/18/2009, 11/24/2009, 12/15/2009, 1/11/2010, 2/22/2010, 3/22/2010, 4/19/2010.

The work of the FAC centered around several issues:

1) Changes to the Faculty Manual regarding issues of promotion and tenure. A subcommittee chaired by Dr. Libba Patterson presented their recommendations to the FAC. After an open faculty meeting in the spring semester of 2009, it was felt that additional revisions were warranted before sending the final changes to the faculty for a vote. The greatest of these changes involved faculty with joint appointments. The additional changes were incorporated, posted to the university web site, and a general faculty meeting was held to answer questions and get additional input. This meeting was held 2/25/10. Further revisions were made and then the final document was posted to the web site and will be voted upon by the University Faculty on 4/27/10.

2) The rights and privileges of non-tenure track faculty were discussed. Dr. Friedman received several documents from the AAUP which dealt with this issue. These were forwarded to a subcommittee chaired by William Rivers. At the same time a new Provost was appointed for the University. It was decided to postpone further discussion about this regarding the general faculty until we received some guidance from Dr. Amiridis. At the same time, however, Dr. James Buggy presented a proposal to FAC, which would create an associate graduate faculty position (non-tenured) with representation on the Graduate Council and the ability to chair doctoral committees. At the October meeting of FAC it was elected to table further discussion of this proposal until the new Provost had time to consider it. This proposal was then revisited at the March and April meetings of FAC. At the April meeting FAC voted to approve the proposal.

The proposal will now be posted to the University Web site. An open meeting of the University faculty will be held in the 2010 Fall semester to discuss the proposal ahead of a possible vote at the end of that semester.

3) The ability to vote electronically for Faculty Senate Meetings and general faculty meetings was raised as a proposal by FAC. This matter was discussed at the March meeting by FAC and the faculty Parliamentarian, Professor Mark Tompkins. The various pro and con considerations regarding electronic voting were discussed. Mark will investigate how, and if, this concept has been applied at other Universities and report back to FAC during the Fall Semester 2010 with possible recommendations.

4) A proposal to change the Faculty Manual to allow greater representation on FAC was discussed and was to be brought forward. However, with the addition of several new and energetic faculty to the committee, it was felt that this proposal could be tabled for now.

5) The research section of the Faculty Manual was reviewed along with proposed revisions by the new Vice- President for Research and Graduate Education, Dr. Sephen Kresovich. A committee is being formed to revise that portion of the Faculty Manual dealing with research. As work on this portion of the manual is brought forward, it will be reviewed and commented on by FAC during the 2010-2011 school year.

At the April Meeting Dr. Harold Friedman assumed the role of chair for FAC for the coming year until Dr. Chris Robinson returns from Europe at which time he may assume that leadership role.

New members of FAC for 2010-2011 are:

Danielle Holley-Walker

James Carper

James Knapp

Rotating off are:

David Reisman

Anthony Gregg

Laura Walls has become the recipient of a prestigious fellowship and will not be on the committee next year.

Special thanks to Judith Rink who served as non-voting emeritus secretary for our committee over the past two semesters.