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Executive Council of All the Faculty of Rollins College

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 5, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: Provost Carol Bresnahan, President Lewis Duncan, Hoyt Edge (A&S), A&S Faculty President Carol Lauer, CPS Faculty President James McLaughlin, Crummer Faculty President Clay Singleton, Claire Strom (A&S), Yusheng Yao (A&S)

Special Business: Arts & Sciences Faculty Appeals Committee

Dr. Lauer requested President Duncan's approval of the slate for the Faculty Appeals Committee (Dr. Lee Lines, Dr. Susan Libby, Dr. Kenna Taylor). President Duncan confirmed his approval.

Institutional Policies: Review and Approval

AC 2003 Graduate Curriculum Standards: Approved.

KI 1005 Financial Exigency: Revise to reflect the updated AAUP definition. Dr. Lauer recommended that the original language regarding faculty participation in the process be retained; she will follow up with that phrasing.

Remaining Proposed Amendments to All-College Faculty Bylaws

It was agreed that tabled proposed amendments to the Bylaws of All the Faculty of Rollins College will be distributed to the faculty before the All-College Faculty Meeting on February 25, 2014, so a vote may be taken if a quorum is present.

Tenure and Promotion

It was the sense of those present that criteria for tenure and promotion need to be considered from both departmental and institutional perspectives. Institutional need should be a factor in tenure reviews. (In departments with smaller cohorts of majors, teaching courses that support broader institutional needs might be considered an important part of teaching responsibilities.) It was recommended that, following an initial discussion by the A&S Professional Standards Committee, a review of overarching standards should be incorporated into the charge of the Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Standards Committee. Dr. Bresnahan agreed to revise the draft charge.

Amendments to College Bylaws

Dr. Duncan advised that proposed revisions to the College bylaws, designed to modernize the language and bring the bylaws into conformance with actual practice, and recommended by College counsel, who is reviewing the various bylaws, would affect the article related to faculty appointment, powers, and duties. The proposed revisions clarify faculty responsibility for the academic enterprise. Though no vote was taken, the sense of the Executive Council was in favor of the changes.

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