



VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY SENATE & FACULTY CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY  
Academic Year 2010-2011

Friday 12 November 2010, 1:30 p.m.  
Devon Room (Connelly Center)

MINUTES

**In attendance:** Sohail Chaudhry, Linda Copel, Joseph Dellapenna, Fr. Kail Ellis (*ex officio*), Judith Hadley, Eric Karson, Barbara Ott, Paul Rosier, Joseph Schick, Maggie Wang, Thomas Way, Seth Whidden (chair), Peter Zaleski.

**Absent:** Sarvesh Kulkarni, Victoria McWilliams (*ex officio*; NIA)

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 1:30 pm.

1. Recommendations from the 2006 University Senate review of the Committee on Faculty were noted and discussed. One of these mentioned that a note taker should be appointed ahead of meetings. It was the sense of those present that this will be the job of one member of the committee, to be determined at the last meeting of the previous semester. The Recording Secretary for spring 2011 will therefore be chosen at the 9 December meeting.

2. Minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting were discussed and approved unanimously by all present.

3. Tom Way reported on the recommendation of the members of the Awards Subcommittee for the fall 2010 Facultas award. After delivering the name and the statement of recommendation, the members present discussed the recommendation. The committee voted unanimously to accept the subcommittee recommendation. The award will be presented at the Staff Holiday Party on December 14.

4. Nominations for the Board of Trustees Standing Committees were reviewed and discussed. Votes were taken from those present, and two proxies had been submitted to the chair in advance: one for one of the absent committee members, one from a member who had to arrive at the meeting late due to another commitment. Immediately after the meeting, the following recommendations were forwarded to Fr. K. Ellis, VPAA:

**Academic Affairs Committee** (possible votes out of 130, for the one open seat):

Robert Styer = 67

Sally Scholz = 40

Debra Arvanites = 38

Timothy Brunk = 27  
Susan Mackey-Kallis = 19  
Carmen Peraita = 18

**Investment Committee** (possible votes out of 130, for two open seats):

David Nawrocki = 87  
David Shaffer = 77  
Michael Pagano = 70

**Student Life Committee** (possible votes out of 130, for two open seats):

Elizabeth Dowdell = 105  
Joe McFalls = 99  
Robert Styer = 37

COF did not vote for the following committees because of the limited number of nominees:

**Physical Facilities Committee**

Margaret Grubiak  
Robert Traver

**University Advancement & Communication**

Bryan Crable  
Frank Klassner

5. Seth Whidden delivered an update of the status of actions regarding the proposed family leave policy. The proposal was delivered to the appropriate representatives of Human Resources at a recent meeting. It was decided at that time that Jean Lutes and Seth Whidden would draft language for a policy that would be reviewed by both Human Resources and the General Counsel. The proposal with approved language would then be delivered to the Council of Deans for discussion as soon as possible.

6. Sohail Chaudhry, Paul Rosier, and Peter Zaleski delivered a draft recommendation on Distinguished Professorships for discussion at the meeting. The proposed design of the award included a one-time award in the form of a research fellowship with an additional smaller monetary amount awarded annually for the four following years in recognition of continuing high-impact research. These annual awards would also be subject to review and approval by the Committee on Faculty or the appropriate body designated by the Committee on Faculty. The recognized faculty member would retain the title until leaving the university. There will be no requirement to make the awards on every cycle. Discussion focused on issues around the composition of the body to read and approve nominations, the exact award cycle (*e.g.* annual or biennial), and the source of funding (*e.g.* college or university). After lengthy discussion, the sense of the committee was that the proposal is to be updated by the subcommittee in light of the discussion so that a finished proposal could then be considered and, possibly, forwarded to the VPAA.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 9 December, 4-5 pm, De Leon Room, 300 SAC (possible earlier start time, to be discussed by e-mail in the coming weeks)

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Schick