

Faculty Committee  
August 28, 2003, 3:00 p.m.  
PIO 313

Present: Austin, Van Delinder, Redwood, Wallen, Breazile, Lawry, Thornton

The minutes of the May 27, 2003, meeting, prepared by Sue Redwood, were accepted without modification: Breazile so moved; Redwood seconded.

Old Business: Members discussed Marlene Strathe's negative response to their motion to keep the OSU-NOC alliance from affecting general education courses and decided (at the suggestion of Ed Lawry) to ask the new head of the Blue Ribbon Task Force (whoever that may be) to keep the committee informed this year.

Dr. Redwood brought the committee up to date on the preparation of the Appendix D videotape. It needs one or two clips and credits before it will be ready for distribution. Once it is finished, Dr. Redwood will ask Provost Strathe to ensure that all administrators see it. In addition, she (Dr. Redwood) will draft a motion to that effect for the consideration of Faculty Council.

Committee members discussed the current draft of the harassment policy at length. The main concerns are the vulnerability of the policy to legal challenge and the definition of harassment. The draft was finally returned to the subcommittee with specific revisions and a general direction to omit many of the examples. John Thornton asked members to e-mail their suggestions to him within the next two weeks.

The bullying policy was tabled.

New Business: The committee was unanimously against the administration's proposal for mandatory leave (affecting leave-accruing staff and faculty) over three days of the Christmas holidays.

The committee agreed to consider, in upcoming sessions, a change in the procedure for awarding honorary degrees and a revision of the sabbatical leave policy

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.