Collegial Review Council Final Report, 2012-2013


The Collegial Review Council spent AY 2012-2013 on one major issue – abstention in collegial review voting. The remainder of our time was spent correcting or adjusting minor issues in collegial review process, or investigating potential issues for our council’s attention. The results of our academic year of work were presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval in Spring 2013.

The Collegial Review Council unanimously supports Stephen Miller, continuing council member, as Chair for AY 2013-2014.

Resolutions (Passed):
• Best practices recommendations to Provost and Council of Deans on abstention voting in collegial review actions. The resolution asked for Senate endorsement of this best practices recommendation, a revision of an earlier resolution (approved) from November 2010. Added was a section on conflict of interest and voluntary abstention, meant to clarify for collegial review committee members the differences between required and voluntary abstentions.

• Various revisions to the Faculty Handbook:
  o Clarified language regarding probationary period and post-tenure review time clock extensions to simplify and lead reader directly to correct APR (FH 4.07 and 4.08);
  o Clarified timeline and procedure for post-tenure review in cases when a candidate applies for and is denied promotion (FH 4.08 C);
  o Modified emeritus status application to allow mechanism for exception when applications exceed two years of retirement date (FH 4.11 B.1.c).

Completed items (Not resolutions):
• With the Office of the Provost, produced minor revisions of the Guidelines for Applications / Dossiers, the AA-12, the AA-13.

Items discussed with no resulting action:
• Digital Measures and Collegial Review. Provost Brenton noted that Digital Measures could be used system-wide in coming academic years, so the Council spent part of this year studying Digital Measures via discussions with other faculty and colleges currently using DM, and through a presentation from the Coulter Faculty Commons on DM opportunities and challenges. We presented the Associate Provost with an initial list of thoughts and concerns on DM. A Task Force will be formed through that office to pursue broader use of DM across campus. CRC will have membership on that Task Force and will communicate conclusions to the Faculty Senate in AY 2013-2014, as relevant.
Items in progress / upcoming issues for AY 2013-2014

- Clarify hearing / grievance process in the summer
- Investigate use of Digital Measures or other software in collegial review process

Respectfully submitted,

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