

Minutes of the Governance and Personnel Policy Committee-September 1, 2015:

Present: Lloyd Fleisher, Paul Williams, Carolyn Bird, Dmitris Argyropoulos, J. Mark Scarce, Marina Bykova, Ralph Smith

Absent: Beth Fath, Karen Bullock, Larry Silverberg, Marie Davidian, Michael Street

This was primarily an organizational meeting in which 3 Issues of Concern (IOC) were discussed.

The first IOC discussed was “faculty duties support people once did.” Arranging travel has become more difficult and time consuming. Faculty must upload documents and do the paperwork themselves. This was not considered the most efficient use of faculty time. Furthermore, many faculty have no access to the ‘Marketplace.’ Another member said that all this paperwork makes it more difficult to bring in research funds; in particular he noted difficulties with post-award support. It was suggested that a survey of the Faculty Senators would be appropriate. One member said that IT people were not helpful (“they are not there for us”); she uses Moodle instead of IT. It was suggested that Barbara Carroll might be a source of information regarding what happens to these support people.

The second IOC discussed was “Revisit PTR rules.” The most recent policy is that the Provost steps in when there is disagreement between the Dean and the college PTR faculty committee. However, the general consensus of the members was that this decision has already been made by the Board of Governors and whether we agree or not, it’s a done deal; we should no longer dwell on it.

The third IOC discussed (briefly) was “Number of NTT/adjunct/temporary/faculty and trends.” Further discussion of this IOC was tabled for a subsequent meeting of the committee.