

Governance/Personnel Policy Committee Minutes

December 6, 2016

Present: David Auerbach, Beth Hawkins, Karen Bullock, Beth Fath, Ron Sederoff, Doug Pearce

Not Present: Dimitris Argyropoulos, Rajade Berry-James, Deniz Eseryel, Larry Silverberg, Sid Thakur, Thomas Barrie

The committee discussed the high number responses to the survey thus far. It was determined that after the survey closes on 12/9, that Senator Auerbach will send the responses to the members present to do a "first pass" at reviewing the survey information. The Colleges were divided among those present and a schedule was set for reporting back to Senator Auerbach. A draft of an executive summary will be prepared for the committee's next meeting on 1/17.

The committee also discussed the other issue of concern regarding a faculty handbook or "code of conduct." Several questions arose around our ability to set "rules" for our classrooms regarding civil discourse and University support. Prior to expanding on Senator Berry-James' initial work, the committee wants to understand from the Provost why we do not have a "faculty handbook" and if there would be support from the Provost to create some version of one.