

## *PPC Meeting Notes August 30, 2022*

Present: Leda Lunardi (co-chair), Walt Robinson (co-chair), Sarah Carrier, Harriet Edwards, Jerman Marchant, James Scalise, Michael Taveirne

Absent:: Nilakshi Phukan

The meeting began a few minutes after 3 p.m.

Each member briefly introduced themselves to the committee.

The committee's annual report from 2021-2022 was reviewed. Two issues that will carry over into the current year are:

- Reflecting faculty effort and accomplishments in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in promotion and tenure and within the Statement of Faculty Responsibilities. This was raised by the PPC last year, and the Senate approved the formation of a Select Committee to explore it. We anticipate this select committee will be formed soon, subsequent to some delay resulting from the recent change in the Chair of the Faculty due to the departure from NC State;
- Practices, across campus, for designating instructional faculty as Lectures or as Teaching Faculty, and for the transition from one role to the other. Data on the numbers of people in these roles, their years of service, and highest earned degrees by college and unit had been requested last year. PPC co-chairs will find out the status of this request.

Two issues were raised by members:

- The increasing numbers of people in administrative roles (for example, in the Office of the Provost) compared with faculty, and it was suggested that it would be appropriate for the PPC to request data on this from campus Human Resources.
- There was a general discussion of the current campus situation regarding COVID and the continuing risks to students and faculty. For example, it was mentioned new data indicating that multiple COVID infections result in significant long-term health risks. It was agreed that the campus does not appear to have a strategy for this phase of the pandemic, nor for its implications for the future of instruction, research and operations. Two proposals arose from this discussion, to be brought to the Executive Committee for future meetings of the full Senate:
  - 1) A panel including campus leaders and independent experts to inform the campus community about the implications of this phase of the pandemic, likely future developments, and the campus response.
  - 2) A report to the Senate on the current status - outcomes and planned actions - resulting from the work of last year's [Post Covid-19 Innovation Task Forces](#)

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4 PM**

