

PPC Meeting Notes April 11, 2023

Present: Walter Robinson, Sarah Carrier, Michael Taveirne, Leda Lunardi

Absentees: Harriet Edwards, James Scalise, Hernan Marchant, and Nilakshi Phunkan

Convened at 3 p.m.

Agenda:

- Approval of March 28 Meeting Notes
- Discussion on the FS discussion on large enrollment online classes
- Reading and Comment on the working document "[Harassment Faculty Resources](#)"
- Discussion on the proposed changes to [Chapter VI of the UNC policy manual](#)
- New items

The meeting convened at 3 pm.

The committee discussed the FS panel on April 4 on large enrollment online classes.

Leda shared some personal experiences from written student class evaluations that contained threatening language and harassment comments. The committee discussed some of the options for a faculty member in a similar situation that are not explicitly written on the working document that Katharine Stewart made available to us. One of the questions that came up in the discussion is about disclosing to all students (if it's not done already) before they can fill their class evaluations that any comments deemed to be improper or related to an unlawful activity or can raise significant safety concerns. Another is to describe the steps for the threatened faculty to take.

Leda will work offline and circulate a paragraph adding to the paragraph "harassment related to a student or the classroom" for guidance to any faculty that could be in a similar situation.

The committee also read some of the proposed changes to Chapter VI of the UNC Policy Manual that will weaken the tenure and the grievances process.

Walt brought the background requirement for non-paid employees from the memo that the vice-chancellor of Research circulated for the committee discussion. Since Dr. Vouk may be a FS guest for next Fall, the committee decided to wait for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.