

PPC Meeting Notes March 28, 2023

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

Absentees: James Scalise, Hernan Marchant, and Nilakshi Phunkan

Convened at 3 p.m.

Agenda:

- Approval of Feb 28 Meeting Notes
- Organization and some questions for the upcoming 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 upcoming FS panel on April 4 on large enrollment online classes. Walt will present the online enrollment data provided by Charles Clif before and after the pandemic and introduce the panelists that will share their experiences in teaching large 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 up 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.