

AFC 11/16/2011

Present at the meeting:

Michael, philosophy

Robert, history

Naomi, sociology

Mario, business

Margo, MHSE

Ross Carey

Gaoyin Qian, Division of Education

Vote for the chair

Mario gonzalez-corzo was nominated and elected as chair of the committee with unanimous support of the members.

Ross joined the meeting later on. She shared that during the Eco difficult time, recommendations for the committee would include: 1. Practice on a mock case 2. reporting anything to the Senate instead of saying 'no report' e.g., concerns, or reconfirmation,' etc. 3. Raising the issue that professional freedom, authority may be undermined by other processes, e.g., tenure process. PA is neglected.

Mario

Issues emerge in academe such as online courses. We may do the following:

1. a statement: what is the AFC about?
2. Collecting the data about faculty's perception about AF.
3. Trends on the movement of merit pay tied to the student performances of students in public schools.

Margo, Michael, and Mario shared their views about current trends in teaching in public schools and teacher edu.

Margo indicated that AF does not exclude faculty responsibilities, e.g, the course outline is good and helpful in the student grade appeal process.

The committee spent time talking about conducting a survey on the faculty's perception about the AF and their feelings about the assessment that the College currently engages them in putting together. Then, discussed an idea of sharing the results of the survey at different settings, e.g., general faculty meeting, senate meeting. Survey design will differentiate senior vs. Junior faculty; faculty vs. administrators, and/or other kinds of demographics.

Actions

The survey will be our next action item. Mario will draft the survey and share with the AFC.

Margo volunteers to code the qualitative data on the survey.

No meeting is scheduled until spring.

The meeting adjourns at 4:20 pm.