

Faculty Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2015

Present: Donna Bickford, Clare Counihan (CWC), Rhonda Gibson, Kelly Giovanello, Tim Ives (chair), Kirk Montgomery, Maggie O'Shaughnessey, Christine Stachowicz, Katie Turner, Richard Weinburg, Anne Whisnant

1. Minutes of January 14, 2015 approved with correction from Christine Stachowicz.
2. Updates from committee members:
 - a. Tim Ives: Ron Strauss is working on request for data.
 - b. Richard Weinburg: The Employee Forum meeting hosted Ted Shaw to present on the Center for Civil Rights and held an open discussion about Tom Ross's resignation.
 - c. Anne Whisnant reported on the morning's Board of Governors meeting.
 - d. Rhonda Gibson: The Fixed Term Faculty Committee is advocating to regularize titles across the university.
 - e. Clare Counihan: The Graduate and Professional Students Forum will present their proposal for a campus family space at the meeting of the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor. She will be presenting the broader family proposal to the FEC on Jan 23.
 - f. Christine Stachowicz: The Committee on the Status of Women discussed the family proposal at their last meeting; they will be contributing to the revisions to the Lactation Toolkit. COSOW also committed to researching policies on part-time tenure.
3. Letter to the Faculty Athletics Committee: Tim Ives expressed great appreciate for Donna Bickford's work on the initial draft, and the committee reviewed it. The revised version (available on Sakai) will be shared immediately with the Faculty Athletics committee.
4. Update on FITAC collaboration: FITAC has secured a grant to conduct a pilot trial of the academic social networking platform Commons in a Box (<http://commonsinabox.org>), which runs on a WordPress platform. According to ITS's timeline, the pilot with start on July 1. FITAC requests this committee's feedback on what key functions faculty might want. The committee agreed to invite Kate Hash (ITS) to talk to the committee.
5. Donna Bickford and Anne Whisnant updated the committee about events organized by the Carolina Seminar AltAc working group: on April9-10, Brenda Bethman will lead a series of programs.