

Committee on Tenure and Academic Freedom Minutes

February 22, 2023

Attendees: Mark Claypool (Chair), Constance Clark, Renata Konrad, Mike Timko, Kris Wobbe (secretary for the day)

Not In Attendance: Nima Rahbar

Called to Order: 11:05

1. Minutes of 2/15 meeting approved with minor revisions.
2. Chair Claypool shared concerns of Professor of Teaching tenure candidates re the guidance documents published this past week. They were concerned about the new page limits as many have already created documents for their dossier based on guidance for the dual mission faculty. The committee agreed to loosen our restrictions for this year as we did not intend to cause the candidates undue stress. The guidance documents will be appropriately amended. (member Timko left)
3. The committee reviewed questions from a community member re the processes and procedures used in academic freedom cases. The committee discussed the need to create more detailed language for the faculty handbook which currently provides very little guidance for these cases. (member Konrad left)
4. The committee reviewed the sections of the draft revised handbook relevant to CTAF procedures. Several suggestions were made and the committee agreed to send these suggestions back to the Secretary of the Faculty for his and COG's consideration..
5. The chair will provide the committee with the material re the proposal for a flexible tenure clock and ask members to review in advance of our next meeting so that we can have a fruitful discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43