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Faculty Handbook changes

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Question:

Each year, a new version of the university Faculty Handbook is produced. In this new version, there may or may not have been changes from the previous year. 1) Could a list of these changes be made available to the faculty? Changes take place over the summer, but some are probably anticipated long before. In such cases: 2) Could these proposed changes be discussed with the Faculty Senate to offer an opportunity for faculty feedback?

Rationale:

The Faculty Handbook is the primary document the faculty refers to for university policies. It would make it significantly easier for the entire faculty to be aware of the current university policies if they are notified of each change.

Moreover, the Faculty Handbook, section 110.01, specifies that "The faculty [...] have a role in developing policies including, [...] review and revision of the shared governance process" and "As used here, "policy" is understood to include guiding and governing principles and any applicable procedures, instructions, or forms developed along with the principles."

It seems therefore that to be consistent with the existing wording in the Faculty Handbook, the Faculty Senate should be consulted concerning changes to the Handbook.

Response:

9/20/2010: Frederic Mynard initiated these two RFIs. Provost Bartels provided a list of the revisions entitled, Changes to Faculty Handbook. 2010-2011.

There will also be an index included in the hard copies of the Faculty Handbook next year.

From Dr. Bartels: 8/24/2010 The Provost's office can (and will) provide a listing of changes made to the Faculty Handbook annually. A list of changes will be routinely posted online with the annually revised Faculty Handbook. A listing of the changes made for this year's Handbook is attached. The majority of the changes made to the Faculty Handbook are editorial. Board of Regent's policy changes, if made, are incorporated into the handbook as mandated by the Board of Regents. Any other policy changes, particularly as regards to Section 200, are always routed through the Faculty Senate for review and feedback. This practice will continue.