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Central Washington University Bylaws and Academic Code Committee
January 7, 2013
Minutes

Present: Jonathan Fassett, Lila Harper, Lori Braunstein, Eric Cheney

Absent: Gary Bartlett (recused due to interpretation request)

Guest(s): None

3:05 Meeting called to order by Eric Cheney, Acting Chair

Convene meeting

Changes to agenda - None

Lori moved to approve November 26, 2012 minutes, Lila seconded. Minutes approved.

Code interpretation request – Distinguished Faculty guidelines

3:00 – 3:15 Code was read by the committee members.

3:16 Committee members were given Gary's argument for why he thinks the faculty member is eligible.

Discussion:

Why does the current code say six years? Maybe to make it fair that tenure track faculty may have had other responsibilities in addition to teaching that a non-tenure may not have. The non-tenure award is only for teaching, there is not a service or research award.

Focus on Page 26, V. Distinguished Professor Awards, A. Eligibility, 1. Distinguished Professor Awards are limited to regular full-time tenured/tenure-track CWU faculty who have been at CWU a minimum of six years (18 academic quarters exclusive of summers).

Discussion regarding Page 27, V. Distinguished Professor Awards, B. The Distinguished Professor of Teaching nominee's notebook should contain the following items, organized in the following order: e. Evidence of teaching that has been informed by scholarship, as demonstrated by: - This section describes something that non-tenure may not do, but could do. This evidence is not a requirement for the award.

What was the disqualification? Not tenure-track for all of the six years of full time employment at CWU.

Lila moves to accept Gary's argument and agree that the wording as it is does not exclude someone who has been full time at CWU for six years and is currently tenure-track or tenured from this award. Eric seconded. All agreed.

Recommend making Gary's argument part of the minutes.

Recommend that if the intent of the award was to restrict the award to faculty that had been at CWU full time for six years with all six years as tenure track, then amending the language is required.

Communication to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee of these results is requested so that the confidential Award Committee may have their findings.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2013, 3pm, Barge 410.