

**Annual Report (2014-2015) of the
Senate Faculty Standards Committee
May 2015**

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Items of Recurrent Discussion in 2014-2015

- **Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policy** – Review of and comment on the revised policy.
 - Met with Michael Bailey, AAUP Executive Director, in October 2014. He raised the federal precedent through a case at Stanford that gave initial rights to faculty. The FSC discussed whether faculty should be directed to the university IP policies at the time of an offer letter.
 - Met with VPR Jeff Seeman and other members of the OVPR staff in January 2015. There was an extensive and lively discussion of the draft policy. The FSC also reviewed a later draft via email in April 2015.
- **SETs** – Following numerous comments, complaints and suggestions about the “new” SETs, the FSC engaged in several months of discussion about the SETs use, structure and process. In the end, the following motion was passed by the FSC at its February meeting. It was then presented to and passed unanimously by the full Senate at its April meeting.
 - **FSC Motion:** The SET is a tool intended only to assess *students'* evaluation of teaching. A complete teaching assessment of a faculty member should include additional measures of teaching effectiveness as determined by the faculty of an academic program.
- **Requested an update** on the status of the development of written PTR policies from schools/colleges/departments. This recommendation was made by the FSC to the Provost's Office during AY 2013-2014. Some units have submitted the policies to the Provost's Office. Many others are still under development as of April 2015.
- **Syllabi Policy Links** – Spurred by lively email debate among faculty about the recommendation to add a variety of links to policies on course syllabi, the FSC recommended to the Provost's Office that all the recommended policies be linked from a single page. This new page will allow instructors to include only one link to a “clearinghouse” page on policy statements. Please see <http://provost.uconn.edu/syllabi-references/> for the newly created page. Thanks to Brandon Murray for his speedy development of this page.

Information Items

- Sponsored the **annual PTR Forum on April 10th** – special thanks to Cheryl Galli for all the logistical support.
- Discussion of the proposed **revisions to the PTR forms** – action was delayed until the AAUP contract negotiations next year.