

FSC Minutes from 17 Sep 2018

Attending: George McManus (chair), Marysol Asencio, Lisa Holle, Guillermo Irizarry, Suman Majumdar, Paula Philbrick, Cristina Wilson, Preston Britner, Elizabeth Jockusch, Girish Punj, John Volin (ex officio), Danielle Heichel, Phil Gould

1. Introductions
2. Discussion of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the University and AAUP regarding changes to the PTR form. The FSC voted unanimously to endorse the MOU without changes.
3. Discussion of sabbaticals for non-tenure track faculty. FSC has been charged by the Senate Exec Committee (SEC) to discuss this issue and make recommendations for potential policy or by-law changes regarding eligibility of non-tenure track faculty to apply for and receive sabbatical leave. Chair McManus agreed to gather information on what peer and aspirant institutions do regarding this and to ask AAUP about its perspective.
4. Discussion of FSC draft report on Student Evaluations of Teaching (SETs). FSC prepared the draft report at the end of the Spring 2018 semester. After discussion concerning the statistical validity of reporting means for an ordinal scale (e.g., is “fair” the average of “poor” and “good”?) it was decided to remove the recommendation that means be reported (the vote was 9-1). Professor Britner volunteered to convert the bulleted draft report into a final prose document for submission to the SEC.
5. Vice Provost Volin noted that UCONN has just hired a new staff member for “SET+” (teaching evaluation mechanisms that go beyond just the student ratings).