Minutes of
Senate Faculty Standards Committee
9/11/2017

Attendees:
Mark Boyer, Chair, Geography
Jc Beall, Philosophy
Sandra Bellini, School of Nursing
Jack Clausen, CAHNR
Maria-Luz Fernandez, CAHNR
Michael Fischl, School of Law
Peter Gogarten, Molecular and Cell Biology
Lewis Gordon, Philosophy
Phillip Gould, Physics
Guillermo Irizarry, Literatures, Cultures and Languages
George McManus, Marine Science – Avery Point Campus (by phone)
Kathy Segerson, Economics
Lloyd Blanchard, Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
Preston Britner, Human Development & Family Studies
Elizabeth Jockusch, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Girish Punj, School of Business
John Volin, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Ex-Officio member
Sarah Woulfin, Neag School of Education

This was the first meeting of the year and the only agenda item was discussion of the SEC charge to review the SETs during the 2017-2018 year. The chair relayed and discussed that charge with the committee.

- The chair asked Lloyd Blanchard to present information on SETs.
- There was extensive discussion of what action should be taken (if anything) re: the SETs.
- Discussion ensued about biases evident in indicators like the SET.
- Issue of #14 on currewnt SETs – why is there such a strong focus on the one question? This was a reciurrent theme at the meeting and in faculty feedback over the past year.
- Other issues discussed:
  - Should the FSC write a report for the Senate to read and act on?
  - Would we get anything better with any revision?
  - What about just adding in broader assessments in addition to the SET? Rather than just sticking with the SET more or less by itself.
  - Adoption of a different scale on #14 may affect the results on that item.
  - What does the University want to use the SETs for? PTR, course revision and guidance, congrats for good work, etc.
- It was agreed that a subgroup would develop an outline/list of issues prior to 10/2 meeting.
- Next Meeting 10/2/2017 @ 2 PM.