

University Review Committee

Minutes: February 14, 2025

11:00 a.m. HOV 102

Members present: Chad Buckley, Yun-Ching Chung, Amanda Cullen, Craig Gatto (ex officio), Jennifer Howell, Abdelmounaam Rezgui, Sarah Smelser, and Susan Sprecher (Vacancies: two)

Meeting called to order by Buckley at 11:02 a.m. We have a quorum.

The first agenda item was to approve the minutes from December 13, 2024. Minutes were approved.

The second agenda item was to review feedback from the Faculty Affairs Committee of Academic Senate regarding potential appeal of negative Provost recommendation for promotion/tenure and craft revised language. Horst and the University General Counsel also attended a separate meeting on the issue along with Gatto, Kapoor, and Buckley. In 2005, a similar proposal was made but did not proceed because they were concerned about university liability and FOIA. Specifically, FRC and D/S/CFSC are groups of individuals, whereas the Provost is a single individual. Would the Provost need to provide additional information or reasoning for their decision to FRC? The recommendation was that we provide language that the Provost does not need to provide a report or letter to FRC. They also suggested we use the phrasing “additional review” instead of “appeal.”

Sprecher motioned, Smelser seconded, that we modify the language “additional review” instead of “appeal” but proceed with the FRC with clarification that the Provost does not need to provide a letter. All voted in the affirmative. Buckley will draft the new language and send via email within the week.

The third agenda item is to start discussing concerns with abstentions in D/S/CFSC votes and how they may impact vote outcomes.

After all items on the agenda had been discussed, meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.