Minutes – Committee on Teaching

January 19, 2011: 3:30 p.m.


Reflection by G. Meyer

Approval of minutes: Minutes of 12-1-10 approved without dissent or abstention

Announcements and Information

- Dennis Garrett will be co-chair of the committee for the spring semester
- New member from Nursing: Dr Leona Vandeusse filling in for one semester for Dr. Kristin Haglund who is on leave
- On Feb. 9 the committee will meet 4:00-5:00 so as not to overlap with the President’s State of the University address
- Regular business for second semester: U.S. Professor and Teaching Excellence Awards

Additional issues that the committee might address second semester and/or in the future

- Academic Integrity (there will be a special committee for this issue)
- Fair Use (there will also be a special committee for this issue)
- Plans for the Center for Teaching and Learning
- Student teaching evaluations: issues include what results if any to share with student, the sharing of student comments with persons beyond the faculty, the validity of the instrument and student completion rates. Need to check to see what has happened since special report was considered by Academic Senate last spring.
- What do the cognitive sciences tell us about how students learn most effectively – Buckholdt will distribute two papers to members.

Update on the Way-Klingler Award: G. Meyer announced the winning application as determined by the members of the COT. The announcement is due by Feb. 1. He (Meyer) will summarize and report on strengths and concerns to applicants. Several members suggested that the concerns be communicated tactfully.
Update on the U.S. Professor of the Year: There have been 9 nominations, including one visiting faculty member. G. Meyer checked with deans on each candidate to make certain each had won a prior teaching award. Three had not received a prior award. Deans supported 6 candidates. One declined to participate. Five were invited to apply. To date (1-19-11) one has applied.

Update on Teaching Excellence Award Process: Nominations are due by Feb. 7. They must be submitted electronically. Full-time faculty and presidents of official college student governmental bodies or honor societies may each nominate up to three candidates. Nominations will not be weighed or ranked this year as they have been in the past. All nominations will count equally. A dossier will be prepared by a dean or a dean’s designee for each of the 10 faculty with the most nominations. Members of the Committee on Teaching will then evaluate the ten candidates and send a recommendation on award winners to the Provost. Review of the rubric for evaluating dossiers was delayed until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. David Buckholdt