

UWT Faculty Affairs Committee January 29, 2002 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Katie Amundson, Bob Howard, Alexis Wilson, Josh Tennenberg, Jim Gawel, and Janet Primomo (invited guest)

Absent: DJ Parker

- (1) The Committee discussed Bob Howard's proposed wording for the UWT Handbook relating to Sections 24-32-F and 24-34-A-3&4 (see attached document).
- (2) The Committee agreed that UWT Addendum 1 to Section 24-32-F of the University Handbook should be worded such that the change is longer-lived than the current wording would suggest. Proposed rewording will be forwarded to the Committee via email for discussion.
- (3) The Committee discussed rewording the UWT Addenda to Section 24-34-A-3&4. It is the intent of the Committee to structure the addenda to both Sections 24-32-F and 24-34-A-3&4 such that service is considered on the same plane as teaching and research when assessing the qualifications of faculty for appointment to a specific rank, tenure, promotion, or merit. It is the Committee's reading of the University Handbook that this is allowed by Section 24-32-F, especially as service is already indicated to be equivalent to teaching and scholarship for determining merit as written in Section 24-55. Taking this discussion into account, proposed rewording will be forwarded to the Committee via email for discussion.
- (4) The Committee discussed the ambiguity in Chapter 24 regarding the UWT personnel that should be involved in tenure, promotion, and merit decisions. This ambiguity is especially problematic in light of potential future changes to the bureaucratic structure of UWT (i.e. schools and colleges). The role and responsibilities of the "Dean" at UWT may not match those of the "Dean" on the Seattle campus referred to in the University Handbook.
- (5) The Committee would like to clarify whether the title "Instructor" is still valid within the University of Washington system, and clarification will be requested from the UW Senate leadership.

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