

Professional Concerns Committee
April 21, 2022, at 3:30pm
Agenda

1. Call to Order, Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes from the April 7 meeting
3. Chair's Report and Announcements
4. Unfinished Business: discussion of proposed changes to the Faculty Senate constitution (two attachments)
 - a) For purposes of voting in Senate elections, how shall the General Faculty be defined?
 - i. Background: the constitution states, "For the purpose of election to, and service on, the Faculty Senate, Faculty is defined as General Faculty who spend 25% or less of their time in an administrative appointment and who have held a faculty appointment for at least one academic year before assuming a Senate seat."
 - ii. It is difficult to apply the 25% rule, because Human Resources does not classify people according to how much time they spend in an administrative appointment. The consequence is that the Elections Committee must make judgment calls about whether someone is considered part of the General Faculty. The goal is to create a definition that can more easily be applied and that relies less on judgment calls.
 - b) Shall part-time faculty have representation on Senate?
 - c) Shall departments elect new Senators in the spring rather than in the fall?
5. New Business: working conditions of faculty advisors
 - a) When should faculty advisors be notified that they are expected to work during the summer?
 - b) Should summer compensation rise as salary increases?
6. Future Business
7. Adjournment (4:30pm)