

FACULTY SENATE, OVERVIEW OF SPECIAL SESSION, FEB. 8, 2018

AGENDA – Discussing and voting on proposed changes suggested by S&T’s Tenure Policy Committee.

RECAP: In the fall semester 2017 the Faculty Senate approved two proposals from the Tenure Policy Committee:

1. The area subcommittees of the Campus Promotion & Tenure Committee will be replaced by College committees. The Engineering committee remains unaffected by the change but CASB will now have a unified college committee rather than several small committees.
2. The opportunities of a candidate to appeal a negative recommendation will be reduced from six to three (upon receiving notice in writing from the chair, dean or provost). The reduction will create more time for deliberation by the committees and administrators involved in the p/t process.

TWO ISSUES FOR SPECIAL SESSION:

The above two issues were non-controversial. The special session will now deal with the remaining two issues. The first one (size of the campus p/t committee) involved moderate controversy in the Tenure Policy Committee but the vote to maintain the present committee size (one for each department) was 9-4-1).

The second issue to be dealt with at the special session (limiting an individual faculty member to serving on a single p/t committee in a single year) was by far the most controversial topic for the Tenure Policy Committee, with the votes split almost evenly (7-6-0).

So, the final two issues up for discussion and vote at the February 8, 2017 special session are:

1. Should the size of the campus p/t committee be reduced from 19 to, say, seven or eight members?
2. Should an individual faculty member be limited to serving on a single p/t committee in a single year?

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