Minutes: FACAS Meeting 1/11/07

Present: D. Biers, P. Johnson, C. Phelps (chair), B. John, A. Abueida, G. Doyle, J. Farrelly

Absent: T. Lasley, E. Gustafson (sabbatical), B. Turk (student teaching), A. Crowe, L. Hausmann, L. Kloppenberg

The committee discussed changes to the P&T document. Most of the discussion involved comments by P. Johnson provided in advance to all committee members. The substantive issues discussed included:

- The need for an introduction addressing the changing responsibilities of the Board. P. Johnson also requested consultation with the Board reflecting their desire for a change in their role and agreement with the limitation in their current responsibilities. The committee was in agreement that although the Board would no longer give the final approval for tenure and promotion, it would remain the final court for appeals coming from the Faculty Hearing Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure.
- The need for the proposed P&T committee to hear challenges based on procedural matters.
- The need for a set of University P&T standards that would be determined by the Academic Senate and explicated in the Faculty Handbook.
- Implementation of the standards, P&T committee responsibilities, elimination of the preliminary tenure year. Of particular concern was implementation with respect to persons currently on tenure-track.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1/18/07 from 10:30-11:30 in SJ 336. Discussion of the P&T document will continue.