

To: The General Faculty
From: Faculty Personnel Committee (FPC)
Date: September 6, 2022
Re: Items for the September 6, 2022, General Faculty Meeting

FPC seeks feedback on the following:

Due to sunsetting programs and lower enrollments, FPC is considering a change to the advising responsibility included in the Criteria for Personnel Action (FM 2.2.7). Specifically, we are considering the following change:

2.2.7.3.1 Basic Responsibilities Related to Engaging in the Life of the University; all of the following

B. participating in the academic advising program or equivalent service approved by FPC and the Provost or, for Faculty members with predominantly graduate teaching responsibilities, participating in academic advising for their respective programs

Please share feedback with Julie O'Reilly (joreilly@heidelberg.edu), FPC chair.

FPC seeks General Faculty approval for the following resolution items:

Resolution 1

Resolved by unanimous consent, To grant Scott Kretzer and Rod Miller membership to the General Faculty for the 2022-2023 academic year as described in the Faculty Constitution, Article I, Section 2, Item F.

Resolution 2

Resolved, to adopt the following standing rule: Chairs/Directors/Deans will serve as Evaluators for the Faculty Evaluation Process for the 2022-2023 academic year (suspending Faculty Manual 2.6.3.1-2.6.3.1.7).

Chairs/Directors/Deans will serve as Evaluators for one another.

Rationale:

Chairs/Directors/Deans are responsible for writing the Departmental Letter of Evaluation for tenure-track, non-tenure-track, and promotion portfolios; serving as the Evaluator will allow them to write more substantively about their department Faculty's teaching. In addition, FPC has had difficulty recruiting Evaluators; managing this process has been time-consuming, which has prohibited FPC from accomplishing other agenda items.

Resolution 3

Resolved, to adopt the following standing rule: All full-time faculty who are in their first six years of employment at Heidelberg or who will be submitting a portfolio or promotion application in the 2023-2024 academic year complete the 2022-2023 Faculty Evaluation Process on the same schedule (suspending Faculty Manual 2.6.3, 2.6.3.2.1-2.6.3.3.5):

- By October 1, 2022 - Faculty will submit instructional materials for a class of their choosing (this will be the class observed by the Evaluator)
- By November 15, 2022 - Evaluator will hold a pre-observation meeting with the Faculty member and observe the selected class
- By December 15, 2022 - Evaluator will hold a post-observation meeting with the Faculty member and submit a single report addressing both the instructional materials and the classroom observation
- By January 15, 2023 - Faculty will have the option to submit a response to the Evaluator's report

- By March 13, 2023 - Faculty will submit a self-evaluation
- By May 1, 2023 - Evaluator will submit an evaluation of the self-evaluation
- By ~~March~~ May 15, 2023 - Faculty will have the option to submit a response to the Evaluator's evaluation

Rationale:

The proposed changes simplify the process for both FPC, since the Year One/Year Two schedule was cumbersome to track, and Evaluators, since they will write two reports instead of three and will have fewer faculty to evaluate.

Resolution 4

Resolved, to adopt the following standing rule: All Evaluators must complete their reports using FPC-provided templates.

Rationale:

With the current system (no required format for Evaluator reports), Faculty have received varying levels of feedback. Standardizing the evaluation process will allow for more consistent feedback.

FPC seeks General Faculty approval for the following vote items:

FPC is seeking a three-year replacement for the Academic Assessment Committee (AAC) because of a Faculty resignation from the university.

_____ Dawn Henry

_____ *Nominee from the floor*

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FPC is seeking a two-year replacement for the Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee (UAPC) because of a Faculty resignation from the university.

_____ Tyson Depinet

_____ *Nominee from the floor*

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