Newcomb-Tulane College Faculty Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16th, 2020

In Attendance Voting:


In Attendance Nonvoting:


3:30: Dean Skinner call the meeting to order.

3:32: Minutes and Other Business

- Professor Adam McKeown makes a motion to approve minutes from the previous NTC Faculty Meeting. The motion passes.
3:32: Dean Lee Skinner summarizes Executive Committee report on electing faculty representatives to NTC committees and leads faculty discussion.

- Dean Skinner explains that the current NTC constitutional process for appointing faculty to NTC committees is not line with school procedures and contains contradictions. Faculty discuss NTC authority to request schools hold elections for faculty committees, fairness of school Deans appointing faculty to committees, and fairness of faculty representation on NTC committees.
- An informal straw poll is held with 55 votes in favor of requiring elections and 45 votes in favor of letting schools manage their appointments.
- A decision was made to hold an additional vote/straw pole with regard to the process of selecting school representatives to NTC committees.

4:28: Professor Judith Maxwell summarizes the motion submitted by the Curriculum Committee.

On behalf of the Curriculum Committee Professor Maxwell introduces key points of the proposed motion regarding NTC students minoring in the SoPA exclusive majors of Homeland Security and Health and Wellness.

- The motion passes 89 to 9.

4:32: Professor Lorelei Cropley summarizes the motions submitted by the Committee on Academic Requirements.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Requirements Professor Cropley introduces a motion to specify which grades earned while studying abroad will be excluded when calculating a student’s cumulative GPA.

- There is some discussion among the faculty on which courses should be counted and which should not. Most of the concern is based around summer courses that are taught by Tulane faculty.
  - A movement to strike “summer” from the wording passes overwhelmingly.
- The motion passes 86 to 13.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Requirements Professor Cropley introduces a motion to formalize the in-place break down of credits for the PYEC major.

- The motion passes 93 to 6.
On behalf of the Committee on Academic Requirements Professor Cropley introduces a motion to allow students to register for up to 16 credits during the priority registration period and up to 19 thereafter.

- The motion passes 96 to 4.

5:08 Professor Susan Lusnia announces that study abroad is canceled for the Spring Semester.

5:09: Meeting adjourns.