

University Faculty Council
Pepperdine University

Minutes for March 5, 2015 Meeting

11:30am, West Los Angeles Campus, Room WLA 499

Tom Vandergon, Lee Kats, Andy Benton, Rick Marrs, Larry Bumgardner, Andy Yuengert, Karen Martin, Nancy Harding, Ted McAlister, Rob Anderson, Al Sturgeon, Ann Feyerherm, Mark Scarberry, Ronald Cox

Guests: General Counsel Marc Goodman, Associate Dean of Student Affairs Tabitha Jones Jolivet, Seaver Dean of Student Affairs Mark Davis, Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Counseling Center Connie Horton

Lunch was served at 11:30. The meeting started at 11:50.

1. The minutes from the October 3 and December 8, 2014, meetings were approved.
2. There was a presentation on the university initiatives that deal with sexual assault and sexual harassment. Marc Goodman introduced the topic and discussed Title IX complains; Mark Davis described the processes involved in sexual assault response and how the university complies with government codes and laws, Tabatha Jones Jolivet spoke about the how the SaVE team functions, and Connie Horton spoke about efforts to educate students for sexual harassment prevention.
3. Provost Marrs updated the UFC regarding dean searches for Seaver College and Graziadio.
4. Provost Marrs spoke of plans to begin dialogue with faculty about shared governance.
5. In light of an interim report to WASC being drafted by Cyndia Clegg, the committee discussed her request for input on the role of the UFC, its role in sharing information among the schools, and more effectively sharing information with faculty regarding university committees. An older draft of a diagram attempting to show how the UFC relates to university committees and to the faculty of the schools was provided. The diagram did not show where the administration fit and President Benton offered to provide an improved diagram to show this.
6. It was discussed that Carolyn Keating would not be able to continue on the committee. Ron Cox took over her role as liaison to the University Academic Council.
7. The committee discussed problems faculty members have in receiving prompt expense reimbursements.
8. The committee discussed whether to provide for set dates and times for meetings of the UFC but decided to continue with the current process for scheduling meetings.

9. The committee began a discussion of what it would mean to be a “preeminent Protestant university.” Additionally, the question was raised as to what the University can do to make itself a great university? Rick Marrs suggested that at the next meeting he share a white paper on Pepperdine’s Christian identity which he presented to the Religious Standards Committee of the Board of Regents last December. He also suggested that the UFC invite Chief Marketing Officer and Vice President of Public Affairs and Church Relations Rick Gibson to join us at that meeting. It was suggested that UFC members could bring ideas to the next meeting to share with Rick Gibson to assist with the development of themes that highlight Pepperdine’s strengths and potential.

Respectfully Submitted by Ronald Cox, UFC Secretary