

QCC PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

An Academic Senate Standing Committee

Minutes

Meeting of Sept. 29, 2010 in H 116 at 11:30

Attending: Jose Luis Madrigal, Mark Van Ells, Ruth Griggs, Phil Pecorino

Absentees:

1. Report

Ruth Griggs told the committee that during the summer the Office of Marketing and Publications, at Dean Larios' request, had updated the Faculty Handbook. Ms. Griggs clarified that the changes were minor updates, and would not affect or interfere with the goals of revising the entire Faculty Handbook set by the Publications Committee last May.

Discussion of the meeting

Dr. Madrigal acknowledged having received Dean Larios' communication last July about the Faculty Handbook updates, but expressed some discomfort at the fact that Dean Larios never told the committee about the upcoming updates when they met in May to discuss, among other things, the Faculty Handbook. Ms. Griggs insisted that the changes were minor, but apologized nevertheless. The committee focused then on the proposals for a new Faculty Handbook. They all agreed on having an online version along with the printed edition. Dr. Pecorino told the committee that in the next weeks he would write an outline for the new Faculty Handbook. Dr. Madrigal reminded the committee that the Faculty Handbook, being a legal document of sorts, needed a wide consensus on the part of faculty, especially on hot issues like tenure and promotions. All agreed, but Dr. Pecorino added a caveat by noting that while consensus is the essence of collegiality, the Publications committee, in its capacity as editorial board, was entitled to write in the name of faculty. Finally, Dr. Pecorino pointed out that the Faculty Handbook should also address the issue of classroom management, as new junior faculty seem to be facing more and more difficulties in dealing with disruptive students.

2. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

José Luis Madrigal

Chair of the Publications Committee