

# Faculty Affairs Policy Committee (FAPC) Report Given to the University Senate on 28 October 2011 Submitted by Craig Turner

## At its 7 Oct 2011 meeting, FAPC

1. RECEIVED INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS ON STUDENT OPINION SURVEY PARTICIPATION RATES  
*These documents provide student participation rate data together with a narrative providing contextual information for the data for spring 2009 to spring 2011. The data indicate the trends in the student opinion survey participation rates at the university, college, and department levels and showed a significant drop in participation rates in the first semester (fall 2009) of the on-line administration of the student opinion surveys followed by additional changes (mostly downward) in participation rates through the fall 2010 semester. A significant increase in participation rate occurred from fall 2010 to spring 2011 when several strategies to increase participation rates were implemented. As an illustration, the overall university participation rates for this period were 67.2% (spring 2009, paper-n-pencil) 45.1% (fall 2009-online) 34.6% (spring 2010-online) 33.1% (fall 2010-online) 49.3% (spring 2011-online). The reports were prepared by Institutional Research for the Provost and shared by the Provost with FAPC to inform the FAPC student opinion survey work group. These informational documents are linked to the agenda of the 7 October 2011 FAPC meeting and are accessible on the FAPC website.*
2. REVIEWED A LIST OF TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 2011-2012 FAPC  
*The list was generated during the committee work session of the 10 Aug 2011 governance retreat. The committee deliberation is summarized in the 7 Oct 2011 FAPC meeting minutes. Five of the eleven items on the list survived this review. Two of these items are supported by FAPC work groups: **Review of Post-Tenure Review Policy Manual Language** (continuing from 2010-2011) and **Student Opinion Survey Instrument Review (in collaboration with University Chairs Council)** while the remaining three items are listed on the tentative agenda of the 4 Nov 2011 FAPC meeting. These other three items are **Review of Pre-Tenure Review Policy Manual Language**, **IFR Report from Academic Year to Calendar Year**, and **Faculty Pay: 12-month Pay for Academic Year Faculty, Alternatives to Ten Monthly Checks**.*
3. RECEIVED AN UPDATE FROM THE FAPC STUDENT OPINION SURVEY WORK GROUP  
*The FAPC work group (Carrie Cook, Julia Metzker, Craig Turner) is currently working with members of the University Chairs Council (Lee Gillis (chair), Steve Auerbach, Bill Fisher, Indiren Pillay) gathering information about commercial student opinion surveys that are nationally-normed with published measures of validity and reliability. There are presently six options on which information is being gathered: CIEQ, SIRII (ETS), IDEA, CourseEval, eXplorance, Scantron.*
4. RECEIVED AN UPDATE FROM THE FAPC POST-TENURE REVIEW WORK GROUP  
*This issue arose in April 2010[at the final meeting of the 2009-10 FAPC] from a concern about the post-tenure review appeal process. This was passed from the 2009-10 FAPC to the 2010-2011 FAPC members who unanimously recommended that a post-tenure review work group include at least one representative from each academic unit (colleges and library) and that this work group review the post-tenure review language in the institutional Academic Affairs Handbook ensuring clarity and a careful review of the appeal process. At its 29 April 2011 organizational meeting, the 2011-12 FAPC members unanimously endorsed continuation of this work after hearing the report of the 2010-2011 FAPC Post-Tenure Review Work Group. At the 2 Sep 2011 FAPC meeting, this work group reported that a subset of its membership met once since the 29 Apr 2011 FAPC meeting and the work group is continuing its review of the post-tenure language (formerly in the academic affairs handbook) in the university policy manual. At the 7 Oct 2011 meeting, this work group noted that it will meet on 18 Oct 2011 and its continuing deliberation will be informed by the recently revised language on post-tenure review made by University of West Georgia (UWG). Additionally, the work group will ensure that it has at least one active member representing each college and the library.*

## Tentative Agenda for the 4 Nov 2011 FAPC meeting (3:30-4:45 in Arts & Sciences 1-16)

- continue the deliberation on the recommendations of the student opinion survey work group.
- receive updates from the FAPC workgroups (Student Opinion Survey, Post-Tenure Review)
- consider matters surviving tentative agenda review: Review of Pre-tenure review Policy Language, IFR from academic year to calendar year, Faculty Pay (12-month pay for Academic Year Faculty, Alternatives to Ten Monthly Checks)