

Faculty Guide Committee Report

Oct. 8, 2021

The Faculty Guide Committee met on September 15th and Sept 29th.

At the first meeting the committee discussed its agenda for the coming semester and opened an, as yet hypothetical, discussion of a process whereby SHMS might be fully integrated into the Faculty Guide.

At the second meeting, the committee reopened a discussion regarding the desirability of term limits for department chairs. Preliminary language was proposed that would suggest the desirability of limiting the number of terms a chair could serve without making it into a hard and inflexible rule. The committee agreed that it would be best to wait until spring semester when the revised version of article 10 is finalized and approved before moving ahead with this change.

The committee also discussed clearer guidelines for the composition and operation of Senate Committee. A number of promising ideas were put forward which we intend to formulate as new language for Senate Bylaws.

The committee began its review of Article 15 on Interpretations of the Faculty Guide. It is a short article, and we hope to have it complete and ready to pass on to the Faculty Guide Editing Group within the next month.

The Faculty Guide Editing Group has completed its final review of revisions to article 10. The article now awaits the Provost's approval. Once approved by the Provost, the article will come back to the Senate (via the Faculty Guide Committee) for final approval. The Editing Group has started its preliminary review of articles 11, 12 and 13. These articles will go to the Senate for a first and second reading, once the Editing Group has finished its review. In addition, the Editing Group has reviewed proposed language for a Post-Doctoral position, which will go to the Senate for a first and second reading.

Respectfully Submitted

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