

Minutes
Commission on Faculty Affairs
Tuesday, January 31, 1978
3:00 p.m.

approved
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Present: P. King, J. Wilson, L. Harper, M. Bliznakov, A. Mandelstamm,
R. Dickman, D. Hummel, R. Plaut

Absent: P. Torgersen

1. Announcements

The next meeting of the Commission is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, at 3:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

The minutes for the CFA meeting of January 10, 1978, were approved.

3. Sub-Committee on Faculty Standards and Responsibilities

Prof. Dickman reported on the progress and plans of his sub-committee.

4. Proposed Policy Change in Grade and Hour Requirements for Pledging Fraternities and Sororities

This item had been referred to the CFA by the Commission on Student Affairs. It is also being considered by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies. After preliminary discussion the CFA decided to postpone consideration of this matter until it is discussed by the CUS. CFA members will be invited to the CUS meeting at which designated CSA members will present the proposal and discuss its features with those attending.

5. Practice Relating to Early Award of Tenure

The CFA discussed the subject of "early tenure" (the awarding of tenure before the mandatory decision date) and reviewed some recent correspondence on this subject. Provost Wilson pointed out that most of these cases are associated with promotion to the rank of Associate Professor after four or five years as Assistant Professor. A positive tenure decision in this case is linked with the promotion. Provost Wilson reiterated his long-standing concern that "early tenure" should be reserved for only the most exceptional cases. No formal action was taken by the Commission.

6. Parking Lots

Concern was expressed regarding the hazardous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles due to ice on the parking lot, and the fact that the Physical Plant Department has done so little to alleviate these conditions.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Plaut

R. H. Plaut, Secretary