

**MINUTE APPROVAL (8/8 & 9/6) – APPROVED**

**FACULTY SENATE – HANDBOOK CHANGES**

Prior to the edits, we've had some discussion about whether or not it's a good idea to have the handbook as links on the web. Would that preclude the faculty being notified if edits were made? Certainly, we should set that website up so that notifications are made to the faculty if changes are made. The ease of handbook editing online shouldn't stop proper editing procedures from happening, ie via handbook committee, faculty senate, full faculty, trustees...

Language should most certainly be in the faculty handbook making it clear that the approval process of changes to the handbook cannot be circumvented just because it's now on the web.

Highlights of Editing Sections

Agreed to strike 1.6a – Faculty Expectations

Provost Rick Stephens is working on 1.6b – Faculty Appointments

Discussion on 1.6d – Emeritus Status

- Perhaps the FTPC should originate a motion to the faculty to grant emeritus status (or at the very least a provost should make a recommendation to the faculty)
- We need to remember, though, that we're editing for clarity, not making policy changes... so let's table this discussion until later

Brief Discussion of Handbook Committee Presentation: Multiple documents that will demonstrate clearly the changes, so ignore the chapter numbers for now. They'll change.

**Request for a Change to the Handbook:** We MUST at some point make it clear that the faculty senate has purview over the faculty handbook. We don't have the power to approve it—that belongs to the board of trustees—but we don't have to recommend it to the BOT. At the very least, we need to make some sort of note about this in the Handbook (to keep the faculty aware).

We ended right before Faculty Governance – To be picked up next time.

**FOLLET BOOK PLAN – FLAT FEE**

The discussion is ongoing – some kinks in the system about what happens students return book, winter term costs... some of it seems risky to the college... The faculty senate needs to form a statement on this pretty quickly by October 18<sup>th</sup>.