

Fac Sen AA meeting 10/4/94

1. Principles & Procedures for Merger & Discontinuance of academic units
Council of Deans sent forward w/o positive recommendation.

Taafe wants to work on it, few "minor" corrections....

perhaps get it past the C. of Deans

Then we get to see it... in November.

Comm. on University Plans needs to pass on it: They were the ultimate source. We probably need to send it back to them, when we've looked at it.

CJ will send (with minutes) copy of original document to committee.

2. Administration of the "textbook selection" policy

Current policy (by current grammar) would include exams, study sheets, even stuff on the board...

Current policy was used in one case to try to force one faculty member to change the textbook, even when royalties were zeroed out.

Michael Murphy brought up at request of this faculty member.

Suggestion: change "or" to "and" in 4th line of 2nd paragraph.

"Code of Alabama, Section 36-25-(a), 1975" - Ethics Law...

Focus is on financial gain

Alabama Ethics Commission opinion....

Our best course of action: Suggest that the Faculty Handbook committee rephrase it in terms of financial gain, and omit references to 'authorship'. tendered humbly...

Claims of misapplications of this rule have been made.

3. Core curriculum committee proposal

Revised --- would like a response from us...

Want to come back next meeting.

4. Taafe suggested that we consider

A. Faculty Review -- for tenured faculty

Some colleges review every year

Others don't seem to...

If no feedback (every year)...

How can you know when superiors is ready to promote you?

Is it appropriate to stay on Graduate Faculty for life, w/o review?

But many want to keep the older faculty on...

Younger faculty may not have time to teach, advise...

Perhaps pressure to drop people from Grad Fac, to consolidate programs...

-> cut costs, departments...

B. Faculty workload across campus