Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
2. Review of the Minutes from January 22, 2013
3. Report on Openness in the Promotion and Tenure Process
4. Class A Legislation – Academic Freedom
5. Adjourn

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Chair Gail Stygall.

2) Review of the Minutes from January 22, 2013

Minutes from the January 22, 2013, meeting were approved as corrected.

3) Report on Openness in the Promotion and Tenure Process

Secretary of the Faculty Marcia Killien introduced this agenda item explaining that the format for the legislation last seen by the Council had been changed to Faculty Senate format, clearly showing where the changes from current Code (Section 24-54 Procedure for Promotions) occur. She reviewed the changes made (and approved) at the January 22 meeting. Under paragraph D Professor Landis questioned whether the version projected was actually what the Council had approved. Her impression was that the decision stopped conclusively at the Dean’s level. This version suggests that an appeal on an unfavorable decision would still be a possibility for a faculty member. The point was well taken and the language was changed to include that this is the case only if the decision is mandatory. Paragraph E is completely new material.

Killien then drew the Council’s attention to proposed changes to Section 25-41 that would essentially require the repetition all of Section 24-54. The Council determined that was not necessary (in view of the timing) and that a brief note under the Section 25-41 heading would suffice. The following was proposed: For Procedures for Promotion see Section 24-54.

The Council approved these changes unanimously.

This will allow for an updated version of this proposal to be presented by Stygall tomorrow to the Board of Deans. In the meantime, Killien will prepare draft legislation that will address and update the obsolete information in Section 25-41 in time for the Council’s consideration and an electronic vote of approval over the weekend. This, in turn, would allow for consideration by the Senate Executive Committee at its next meeting. The Council then voted to approve the plan for an electronic vote on a revised Section 25-41. Killien will assist Stygall in writing the justification for the legislation.
4) **Class A Legislation – Academic Freedom**

Stygall introduced a Code revision addressing Section 24-33 *A Statement of Principle: Academic Freedom and Responsibility* proposed by AAUP, via Senator Janelle Taylor. Stygall agrees this Section of the Code should be considered for revision in view of recent litigation and in view of the fact that this portion of the Code has stood unrevised since 1956. The Council agreed with Stygall’s assessment, but all agreed that the AAUP proposal raised questions concerning its intent and the motivation driving the draft. One member suggested that the new material from AAUP should be integrated into the existing language instead of replacing it wholesale. The Chair will look into it further and see if there exists related information and/or documents that AAUP can share with FCFA to support their draft proposal. She also suggested that this legislation could be held over until the Spring Quarter.

5) **Adjourn**

Chair Stygall adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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**Present:**  
**Faculty:** Stygall (Chair), Landis, Buck, Johnson, O’Brien  
**Ex-Officio:** Sukol, Mc Nerney (ASUW), Rees (GPSS)  
**Guest:** Killien (Secretary of the Faculty)

**Absent:**  
**Faculty:** Ricker (on-leave), Watts, Vaughn, Huber  
**President’s Designee:** Cameron  
**Ex-Officio:** Henchy