



## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE RECORD

The February 2009 meeting of the University Faculty will be held on Tuesday, February 3 and, if needed, on Tuesday, February 17 in the Langone Center Forum beginning at 12:00 p.m. and running until 12:52 p.m. or the conclusion of business, whichever comes first. Professor Tony Massoud, Chair of the Faculty, will preside. Any amendments to the December 2008 minutes should be sent to Faculty Secretary Tom Cassidy prior to the October meeting.

### AGENDA

- A. Amendments to and approval of December 2008 minutes**
- B. Announcements and remarks by the Chair of the Faculty**
- C. Announcements and remarks by the President**
- D. Three motions from Faculty Council in response to the report from the Committee to Review Promotion and Tenure**

Motion #1: The faculty charges the Committee on Instruction (COI) to A) revise the questions on the standard university student evaluation forms to reflect best practices, and B) examine any relevant issues relating to the dissemination, analysis, and purpose of student evaluations. COI is asked to provide a report to the faculty by the end of fall 2009.

Motion #2: The faculty charges the Committee on Instruction (COI) to explore methods of evaluating teaching for the purpose of reviews beyond the use of student surveys. The committee should examine current practices in higher education and identify evaluation methods that might be appropriate for Bucknell. COI is asked to provide an update to the faculty by the end of fall 2009 and a final report by the end of spring 2010.

Motion #3: The faculty charges the Committee on Faculty and Academic Personnel (FAPC), working in consultation with URC and CAFT, to A) propose handbook changes to extend either the 4<sup>th</sup> year or 6<sup>th</sup> year reviews beyond the current deadline of December 15, and B) to revise the existing review timetable to reflect changes to the calendar. FAPC is asked to bring a motion or motions addressing these points at the March 2009 faculty meeting.

## **E. Committee Reports:**

### **1. Committee on Staff Planning**

In spring 2008, the Committee on Staff Planning proposed a new round of tenure-track positions in keeping with the first strategy, "Strengthen the Academic Core," of The Plan for Bucknell, with the goal of minimizing the disruptions to Bucknell's instructional program caused by hiring and turnover of visiting faculty in certain departments. The Committee recommended to the President's Senior Staff the creation of twelve (12) new tenure-track faculty positions. President Mitchell approved this proposal in October, authorizing up to twelve new positions. President Mitchell has asked that we begin the hiring process this year if possible, and that the hiring be spread over the next three years, subject to financial conditions. As a result, the Committee allocated tenure-track positions to five departments that have demonstrated a strong and consistent need for visiting faculty over the past several years and that have had difficulty filling these positions during that time. The Committee is soliciting proposals from all departments for the remaining tenure-track positions, a total of up to seven additional positions, and has distributed the criteria for these positions during the past week.

### **2. Committee on Planning and Budget**

Karl Voss will make a verbal report.

### **3. Committee on Athletics**

Marty Ligare will make a verbal report.

### **4. Faculty and Academic Personnel Committee**

### **5. Committee on Instruction**

### **6. Committee on Complementary Activities**

### **7. Committee on Faculty Development**

### **8. Committee on Honorary Degrees**

### **9. University Review Committee**

### **10. Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure**

## **F. Introduction of new BSG officers**

- Jaspinder Kanwal, President
- Ali Jones, Vice President of Operations
- Ted Lundeen, Vice President of Finance
- Krista Yancey, Vice President of Administration

**G. Announcements and remarks by members of the President's staff**

**H. New business**

**I. Adjournment**