

Provost's Council Report

April 26, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Iris Room

Policies passed without discussion:

2:042 Allocation and Recruitment of Faculty

2:060 Indirect Cost and Salary Recovery

2:063 Policy on Academic Promotion

Discussion of 1:025 Policy on Academic Tenure:

- Concern was expressed that the wording regarding promotion to Professor is slightly odd — seems to require an action every 5. It was noted that University practice has always been that written notification required when faculty member wishes to seek promotion. No changes were suggested; Provost promised a note for it's next review. Policy passed without modification.

Discussion of 2:059 Sponsored Research Incentive Program:

- Suggestion made that indirect allocation distribution for incentives be reviewed. Policy committee to take that up next year. 2:059 & 2:060 might be merged in the future. Policy passed without modification.

Discussion of 2:064 Credit Hours:

- Concern was expressed about removal of specific number of minutes per term per credit – beneficial to be able to map individual assignments to an amount of time; new policy seems to raise standard from 750 minutes/term/credit .
- Changes reflect DoE guidelines. Audit revealed that number of hours per credit varied wildly within individual departments. Proposed language reduces concerns about being able to document meeting specific number of minutes for SACS-COC. Provost indicated that the Credit Hour ad hoc task force may be re-formed to revisit the policy next year. Policy passed without modification.