Department of English Council Meeting Friday, September 22, 2017

Attendance: Dwight Atkinson, Damián Baca, Meg Lota Brown, Jerry Hogle, Fenton Johnson, Aimee Mapes, Lee Medovoi, Manuel Muñoz, Berto Reyes, Jeff Schlueter, Scott Selisker, Susan White

Meeting began at 2:00pm in ML 453

I. Presentation on Proposed Constitutional Amendment—Jerry Hogle, Parliamentarian (amendment attached below)

A. Jerry discussed how last year, the Faculty Senate voted to amend the University of Arizona’s Faculty Constitution to redefine who is a member of the “General Faculty” at the University of Arizona. That amendment was approved by President Hart in February.

B. Jerry explained how the proposed amendment to our Department Constitution was designed to align our own unit’s definition of a voting faculty member with that made by the Faculty Senate. He also noted how the proposed amendment would use the new nomenclature of “career track faculty” (replacing NTT faculty) that was recently approved by the Provost’s office.

II. Discussion of Proposed Constitutional Amendment

A. Council members discussed the implications of the three separate amendments:

   a. The addition of “career track faculty” nomenclature, Section I

   b. The addition of “career-track faculty of any rank who are members of the General Faculty of the University” as voting members of the department, Section I

   c. The addition of “one representative of the lecturers or adjunct faculty on an academic-year appointment who are not members of the General Faculty of the University, elected by that group,” to Council, Section III

B. Council members discussed and confirmed the latest and correct versions of the proposed amendment as different revisions had been circulated

C. There was discussion about proportionality and the makeup of Council members in terms of the ratio of current Council members to their respective lines in the department. We discussed how Council is formed by
departmental elections each year, alternating by program and rank, with a full professor elected each year.

III. Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendment

A. The Council voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the proposed constitutional amendment.

B. Everyone present in attendance was on Council and took part in the vote (aside from Lee Medovoi, Ex Officio and Jerry Hogle, who excused himself from the meeting prior to the vote)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Department of English (as approved by Council)

Section I --

A. The Department of English is made of professors, ADD: career track (also known as non-tenure-eligible or NTE) faculty, adjunct faculty, academic professionals, graduate students, undergraduate majors, and staff members.

C. The Voting Membership of the Department is made up of the following:

1. All full-time (50% or more FTE) tenured and tenure-eligible faculty.

2. All full-time (50% or more FTE) lecturers and senior lecturers holding multi-year appointments. CHANGE TO: career-track faculty of any rank who are members of the General Faculty of the University.

3. All full-time (50% or more FTE) continuing and continuing-eligible academic
professionals.

4. Two representatives of the graduate assistants and associates, elected by the English Graduate Union.

5. One representative of the classified staff, elected by that group.

6. One representative of the lecturers or adjunct faculty on an academic-year appointment ADD: who are not members of the General Faculty of the University, elected by that group.

Section III –

A. Membership in the Department Council

2. Representatives elected by ranks, apportioned as follows:

   a) Two professors, to be elected in alternate years

   b) One associate professor

   c) One assistant professor DELETE: or lecturer

   d) One lecturer or senior lecturer holding a multi-year appointment [CHANGE TO: One career-track professor of any rank who is a member of the General Faculty of the University] or one academic professional on continuing-or-continuing-eligible status

   e) ADD: One lecturer of any rank who is a member of the General Faculty.

   f) One graduate student (elected by the English Graduate Union)

   g) One classified staff person
**Rationale:** These changes would make our Constitution reflect the improved status of NTE faculty at this University within the most current policies passed by the Faculty Senate.