

### **Faculty Action Sheet**

At the second regular meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year on October 26, 2016 (Alumnae House), the following action was taken by the Smith College faculty:

- I. The faculty voted to approve the Sept 14, 2016 meeting minutes.
- II. The following items were recommended by the Committee on Academic Priorities and approved by the faculty:
  - A. New permanent courses:
    1. BIO 100 Human Origins, Human Diversity
    2. PYX 300 Poetry Concentration Capstone Seminar
  - B. Permanent topic:
    1. ARH 291 Topics in Art History (C). Topic: Leisure and Luxury in the Age of Nero
  - C. Curricular items:
    1. Creation of a Film and Media Studies Major at Smith College
    2. Conversion of BUX 120 The Study of Buddhism from a 1-credit gateway course to a 2-credit course
    3. Conversion of REL 269 Introduction to Mongolian Buddhism (last taught in 2012) to REL/BUX 273 Introduction to Mongolian Buddhism to be taught Spring 2017
- III. The following motions were presented by the Subcommittee on the Policy of Tenure and Promotion
  - A. Motion 1: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding change of faculty status from full-time to part-time, as described in item 2A: establish a clear sequence of approval from faculty member to unit chair to administration, with notice to CAP and remove the provision of a full unit vote.

Motion 1 was presented for discussion and voting.

An incidental motion was presented: that the motion on floor and all subsequent motions introduced by subcommittee be conducted by clicker. The incidental motion passed.

Motion 1 passed (85 responses: 77 for, 5 against, 3 abstentions).
  - B. Motion 2: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding change of faculty status from part-time to full-time, as described in item 2B: specify CAP approval of FTE becoming available; remove provision of T&P review; maintain approval by administration.

Motion 2 passed (82 votes: 79 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions).

- C. Motion 3 (Slide 11, 2C): to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding the category and phrase “replacement faculty,” as described in item 2C: eliminate this archaic label and category.

There was a problem with the software managing the clickers. In response, there was a motion from the floor that there be a vote by voice for Motion 3. This motion passed.

Voting by voice, the faculty voted in favor of Motion 3.

- D. Motion 4: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding the “15 year rule,” as described in item 3A: replace “scholarship of high quality” as a criterion for promotion after 15 years with “excellence in teaching and service.”

Motion 4 was tabled until the next faculty meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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