Faculty Action Sheet

At the sixth regular meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year on February 22, 2017 (Alumnae House), the following action was taken by the Smith College faculty:

I. The faculty voted to approve the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes.

II. The following items were recommended by the Committee on Academic Priorities and approved by the faculty:

New permanent courses:
1. BIO 303 Research in Developmental Biology
2. EGR 314 Contaminants in Aquatic Systems
3. ESS 509 Musculoskeletal Structure and Function of an Athlete
4. ESS 510 Biomechanics of Exercise and Sport Studies
5. FYS 183 Geisha, Wise Mothers and Working Women: Images of Japanese Womanhood
6. GOV 217 Race and the Problem of American Citizenship
7. GOV 363 Civil Disobedience
8. HST 150 Historian’s Craft
9. NSC/PSY 125 Sensation and Perception
10. PHI 112 Chinese Philosophy
11. PSY/SDS 364 Research Seminar in Intergroup Relationships
12. SDS 430D Honors Thesis
13. THE 154 "Reading" Dress: Archival Studies of Clothing

III. The following motions were presented by the Subcommittee on the Policy of Tenure and Promotion:

A. Motion 15: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding senior lecturer sabbaticals, as described in item 4E: cut the section on senior lecturer sabbaticals in the Policy.

Motion 15 passed (64 votes: 57 for, 2 against, 5 abstentions).

B. Motion 16: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding conflicts of interest, as described in item 5A: move the definition of conflict of interest to the beginning of the Policy document and clarify what constitutes such a conflict.

Motion 16 passed (63 votes: 58 for, 0 against, 5 abstentions).

C. Motion 17: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding “institutional considerations,” as described in item 5B: clarify what parts of institutional considerations must be voted on by the unit (those pertaining to the unit’s curriculum) and specify the provost as the source of appointment letters.
Motion 17 passed (56 votes: 50 for, 0 against, 6 abstentions).

D. Motion 18: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding the annual review of pre-tenure faculty, as described in item 5C: specify the purpose of the annual review for pre-tenure, ladder-track faculty.

There was a motion to call the question.
This motion was seconded and approved.

Motion 18 passed (62 votes: 52 for, 4 against, 6 abstentions).

Respectfully submitted,

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