

Welfare Council Minutes
March 23, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 202 Tigert

Attendees:	Sue Alvers	Margaret Temple-Smith
Jodi Gentry	Karen Whalen	Daniella Saetta
Ray Issa	Jasmeet Judge	
Ray Thomas	Angel Kwolek-Folland	

Karen Whalen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and the February minutes were approved.

Update on Whitepaper

Karen reported that the whitepaper draft was forwarded to the Academic Policy Council for recommendations and feedback.

Update on Faculty Club

The new plan for the Faculty Club will be in the planned McCarty Parking structure. A linear building will be built attached to the five to six story garage. The top floor (about 7000 feet) will be the Faculty Club. Paul Davenport has asked the Welfare Council to decide how the Faculty Club will be governed.

Welfare of Women Faculty

The university is devising a plan for lactating stations across campus. There will also be more gender neutral bathrooms installed.

Update on Climate Survey

Climate survey results should be available in June. Plans are to have two large scale town hall meetings the second week of June to discuss the results. There will also be one in September for those who were unable to attend in June. These meetings will be available online.

Plum Creek Resolution

The Senate received a resolution about Plum Creek Development. Paul Davenport, Chair of the Senate, asked Welfare Council to review and recommend if there is a role for shared governance with this issue. The Council agreed with previous action with Dr. Davenport's previous discussion with the administration. If an issue has not been vetted through Faculty Senate or Student Government, then when the administration is speaking publicly they will self-identify. Margaret Temple-Smith mentioned that she is not sure this issue falls under shared governance. What is the role of shared governance? Karen Whalen will send a link to a Chronicle article on "What is Shared Governance" and the council will discuss more at the next meeting.

Teaching Evaluations and Students accused of plagiarism

Academic Policy Council asked Welfare to discuss the issue of students accused of plagiarism or any infraction that causes students to go through Honor Court and evaluating their instructor. Concern was raised that the student would give a low evaluation. Angel Kwolek-Folland pointed out that if the evaluation ultimately ends in the T & P process that the when the course instructor's chair can address the low evaluation in the chair's letter.

The Welfare Council meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.