The committee convened at 2:00 in the Provost’s conference room, with Kevin Browne (Chair), Francie Bolter, Graham Gillis, Jonathan Glenn (for Steve Runge), John Parrack, Warren Readnour, Michael Rubach, Mike Scoles, and Charles Watson in attendance. Robin Voss was present to record proposed changes to the Handbook.

Browne mentioned a procedural error from the January 17 meeting in approval of the January 10 minutes. The motion to approve those minutes was seconded by a non-voting committee member, making the approval invalid. Parrack made a motion to approve those minutes, as previously corrected. Bolter seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Parrack made a motion, with a second by Scoles, for approval of the January 17 minutes. Parrack suggested that the minutes reflect that the committee “began discussion of” rather than “reviewed” the Faculty Senate resolution on the General Education/Core Council. With this correction, the January 17 minutes were approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstaining.

The committee discussed language in section 3.III.A regarding initial appointment with tenure, and agreed that such appointments would be at the rank of associate professor or professor. The phrase, “in cases of exceptional individual merit and professional accomplishment” should be deleted and, instead, language similar to that in 3.IV.D will be added between the current 3.III.A(1) and 3.IIIA(2).

The next meeting will be on January 31 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15.