

NTID FACULTY CONGRESS
October 17, 2017
Minutes

- 10.14 PRESENT: Catherine Clark, Tao Eng, Austin Gehret, Marcus Holmes, Adriana Kulakowski, Ed Mineck, Camille Ouellette, Mark Rosica, Jessica Trussell
- 10.15 Minutes for 9/26/17 meeting were voted for approval, Mark Rosica motioned for approval, Austin Gehret seconded the motion. (8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)
- 10.16 In the committee's search for the last approved bylaws, members reached out to several contacts:

Larry Quinsland (former NFC chair, confirmed 2005 (dated 3-1-04) bylaws were the most recently approved version)(talked to twice)

Chris Licata (former NTID administrator)

Stephen Aldersley (member of the first NFC)

Gerry Berent (NFC president for several years)

Gerry Bateman (former NFC member)

Katie Schmitz (NFC member)

Tom Policano (NFC representative to Academic Senate (AS), key initiator of creation of Lecture position and rank at RIT, and local AAUP chair)

Keith Mousley [NFC chair, longtime former president of Deaf Professionals Group (DPG)]

Amy Stornello (Previous chair of DPG)

Charlotte Thoms (NFC chair AY15-16, 16-17)

A key question to address in how membership was defined in that 2005 version. It was discovered with the 2005 version that many non-academic departments, groups and individuals were added to participate in NFC, and the committee could not determine how these additions came to be (i.e., there was no evidence of any formal agreement for the inclusion of these departments).

After much research, consensus opinion among the individuals contacted was that the 2005 (dated 3-1-04) is the last approved copy.

Tom Policano confirmed that the current NFC bylaws posted on the AAUP site were not formally approved.

Charlotte Thoms confirmed last year's committee had been functioning under the assumption that the 2012 bylaws, that all proposed amendments were made from, were approved. She later realized the 2005 version (3-1-04) was the last formally approved document.

- 10.17 This purpose of NFC (taken directly from the 2005 bylaws, below) has been unchanged through all iterations (approved, unapproved versions) of the bylaws:

The purpose of the NTID Faculty Congress (NFC) is to act, on behalf of the faculty of NTID, in an advisory capacity to the Dean and Vice President of the Institute as a component of the Institute governance system. The main areas of concern of the Congress are: the quality of the educational programs; academic policies, procedures, and practices including admissions, curricula, attendance, evaluation, grading, graduation; and any matters and conditions affecting faculty rights, and responsibilities and morale, including faculty compensation and benefits.

Therefore, this language should guide our selection of membership moving forward.

- 10.18 Motion #1, NFC will follow AS policy with regards to voting privileges. NTID has changed in structure and positions of rank since 2005, we need to change while maintaining consistency with AS (Policy B02.0, 2.1 to 2.5). (Mark motioned, Austin seconded, 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)
- 10.19 Motion #2, NFC will contain membership from the following degree-granting units:
Business, Visual Communication, Engineering, Liberal Studies, Science & Math, Cultural and Creative Studies, Information and Computing Studies, ASLIE, MSSE (Austin motioned, Jessica seconded, 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstention)
- 10.20 Motion #3: There will be two other "at large" positions from another academic unit at the college that fits the membership criteria as outlined above. (Austin motioned, Mark seconded, 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)
- 10.21 Distribute the 2005 bylaws to the committee for review and discussion at next week's meeting. We want to be both considerate and strategic in how we inform the community of these changes.
- 10.22 Adjournment