

## Study Committee A- Faculty Senate Report on OP 32.01 Revision

November 18, 2009 FS Meeting #291

Chair, Sandy River

### Report from Study Committee A

Study Committee A was charged with examining the tenure OP, 32.01, and working with the AAUP to propose revisions. In preparation for working on the revising, it has discussed the current OP as a committee and heard from Charlotte Bingham, Manager of the EEO office, Rob Stewart, Sr. Vice Provost, former senator Lewis Held, and representatives from the AAUP. The Provost Office has indicated that it is likely that the Regents' Rule that deals with tenure and is currently identical to the OP will be replaced by a simpler umbrella statement that points to the university OP and to those for HSC and Angelo State. Dr. Stewart indicated dissatisfaction with the current OP because of the lack of university-wide standards and procedures. The committee is currently working on revisions that would reinstate some of the language of the 2005 OP 32.01. The committee plans on having a draft sent to the Senate at least a week before our December 9 meeting. The committee recommends that the agenda allow plenty of time for discussion at that meeting.

Before the December meeting, senators are encouraged to review the current OP 32.01 and the 2005 OP that it replaced. The current Operating Policies and procedures are linked from the bottom of the Faculty/Staff web page. The text of the 2005 OP appears in the Faculty Handbook, also available from the Faculty & Staff page. The text is found in the Faculty Affairs section, the "Tenure Standards and Procedures" link from the right hand index column.