

Alternative Workload Leave Committee
Minutes from the meeting held on
Monday, December 04, 2006

Location: Thomas Annex
Time: 3:00 – 4:00
Members Present: Curt Dixon, Lyn Reitz, Paul Ballat, Amy Way
Members Absent: Kim Alexander

The objective of the meeting was to discuss potential changes to the Alternate Workload Leave Policy and Guidelines. The committee reviewed a draft of the recommendations that was forwarded last year for consideration.

The committee discussed whether non-tenured faculty should be eligible to apply for an AWL. The committee felt that an AWL awarded to a non-tenured faculty may be detrimental to the annual, promotion, and tenure review process, by creating a lack of peer/student teaching evaluations for that semester. After discussion, the committee unanimously agreed that applicants must be tenured to apply for an AWL leave - consistent with the current guidelines.

The committee agreed that the application should contain: (1) an abstract and (2) a section clearly stating the relation of the project to the university mission and/or the value to the university and his/her professional development.

The committee agreed that a method of rating/ranking the applicants would be beneficial.

Curt agreed to make the recommended changes to the draft of the “new” AWL policy and guidelines and forward them to the committee for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Dixon, Chair