

Comments

Do you support the Resolution on the External Reviewer Selection Process in Tenure Cases?

same comment as "No Contacts" question

I hope the process adopted will address the reasonable concern voiced on the DoF website about potential problems in cases where a candidate submits a short list

This resolution is so heavy handed and inappropriate that it is embarrassing. The faculty senate, by taking up these odd resolutions that so clearly are outside its scope, are making the senate inert. It is completely undermining any potential oversight the body could provide. I am ashamed of the behavior I am seeing and what we are spending our time on. I do not think the faculty senate is the appropriate place to determine this policy. This is a bizarre use of senate time, and it is frustrating that the senate is focused on inappropriate questions to the exclusion of more important matters.

We would support this resolution but we take issue with the proposal to include a list of external reviewers who "were asked but declined to provide an assessment and the reason for that choice, if available." Based on career experience, there is no good reason to require these kinds of lists, which are used only *against* a tenure candidate. In spite of valid objections raised about the resolution's specificity at the Faculty Senate meeting where the resolution was presented, the resolution's authors chose not to modify the wording, claiming that it was "deliberately vague" and would not have the effect of a "mandate" when it is actually overly specific and, if passed, would be incorporated into the Faculty Handbook.

The "Independent List method" involves this mandate: "The lists should be comparable in length". I oppose this mandate. In most cases it will be reasonable for the lists to be comparable in length. But I can envision not unlikely cases in which it would lead to too few people being requested to write letters.

We CCB already do this.

Again, we already use this approach in my unit and it works well.

Departmental voices: "This places undue restrictions on the list-making process."