

July 6, 2012

MEMO TO: Academic Senate
FROM: Hank Liese, Chair, University RPT Standards Committee (URPTSC)
RE: Annual Report, 2011-2012

Meeting Schedule

The University RPT Standards Committee met 7 times during the 2011-2012 academic year, on the following schedule:

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
September 16	January 20
October 21	February 17
November 18	March 23
	April 20

Departmental RPT Reviews

With input and assistance from Associate Vice President Amy Wildermuth and her representative, Robert Flores, the committee reviewed and gave *final approval* to RPT statements from the following departments:

- 1) Political Science
- 2) Social Work
- 3) Philosophy
- 4) Dentistry (The URPTSC approved an interim RPT statement to enable hiring of initial faculty. A more permanent RPT statement will be developed once the Dentistry faculty reaches “critical mass,” and this document will then be reviewed and approved by the URPTSC.)

The URPTSC reviewed and gave *conditional approval* to RPT statements from the following departments (with final approval contingent on the department’s addressing specific feedback from the committee, as overseen by the URPTSC Chair and Robert Flores):

- 1) Pharmaceutics/Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- 2) Medicinal Chemistry
- 3) Pharmacotherapy

The URPTSC reviewed RPT statements from the following departments and is still engaged with them in the approval process (first, second, or multiple URPTSC reviews indicated):

- 1) Metallurgical Engineering (first review)
- 2) Art & Art History (first review)
- 3) Libraries (Marriott, Quinney, Eccles; first review)

- 4) Biology (second review)
- 5) Math (second review; conditional approval by URPTSC in 2010-2011)
- 6) Nursing (multiple reviews)

The following RPT statements were carried over from 2010-2011 and had no activity in 2011-2012. The URPTSC will complete the approval process with the respective departments in 2012-2013:

- 1) English (conditionally approved)
- 2) Occupational Therapy
- 3) Nutrition

Additional URPTSC Activities in 2011-2012

The URPTSC engaged in the following additional discussions and activities in the past year:

- The likelihood that the URPTSC will become involved in the coming academic year in reviewing and strengthening departmental post-tenure review guidelines.
- The re-forming of the URPTSC's Auxiliary Faculty Subcommittee in 2012-2013 to work on reviewing and approving College-level retention and promotion standards for auxiliary faculty.
- The importance in the RPT process of peer observation of teaching and moving departments to viewing peer observation as "best practice."
- An overview of the e-RPT process by Tami Garff.
- A renewed commitment to develop a standardized "template" to assist departments in writing/revising their RPT statements.
- A URPTSC status report to the Senate Executive Committee on March 19, 2012 by Chair Hank Liese.

Respectfully submitted,



Hank Liese
URPTSC Chair