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Members present: Tamás Forgács, Rohan Jadhav, Jenna Kieckhaefer, James Marshall, Fayzul Pasha, Gitima Sharma

Members absent: Samina Najmi, Vang Vang

1. Approval of agenda (MSC).
2. Approval of the minutes of 2/28/18 (MSC).

(3) Communications and Announcements

(a) None.

(4) Discussion items

(a) Update on the Chair questionnaire (Tamás Forgács). We discussed whether or not there should be a word limit for responses. A couple members voiced that there shouldn’t be a word limit, as we don’t expect lengthy responses. Next, we discussed whether or not the survey should be sent anonymously. One member voiced that if it was anonymous the Chairs may feel more able to be open and honest, however many other members stated if it was personalized the Chairs may be more likely to complete the survey. Ultimately, we decided to send it personalized. After that we discussed the subject of the email, who the sender is listed as, and the message text. Approval of Chair questionnaire message (MSC).

(b) Guidelines for research at the associate and full levels (Tamás Forgács). We need to start a conversation about what amount of research productivity is necessary for associate professors (as guidelines for promotion from associate to full professor, much like the probationary plan from assistant to associate). Dr. Marshall stated that there was a post-tenure review many years ago, that occurred every five years, that is still currently on the books. There were no rewards or punishments associated with this review, and so it died off and we aren’t aware of any departments who still complete these reviews. There is some room for guidelines in this area, and worth discussion. We will continue this discussion at future meetings.

(5) The meeting was adjourned at 9:58am.