Here is an electronic version of my motion from today’s Senate meeting.

Nancy McKenney

Here is a motion I plan to bring in hard copy to today’s Faculty Senate meeting:

Motion from Nancy McKenney

Whereas: The American Association of University Professors Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities defines the following areas as being the primary responsibility of faculty: “curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process” and states further that “faculty status and related matters are primarily a faculty responsibility; this area includes appointments, reappointments, decisions not to reappoint, promotions, the granting of tenure and dismissal,”

Whereas: in current practice drafting teams are appointed by administrators and have a membership in which faculty are the minority:

I propose the following amendments to the language in the draft of the Policy on Policies;

1. On page 2, under item number 3 concerning the formation of drafting teams, add the following statement:

   “When the policy at hand concerns an area that is primarily a faculty right and responsibility (e.g. promotion, tenure, appointment or dismissal of faculty, etc.), the drafting team should be formed by the Faculty Senate, and its membership should consist of a faculty majority, plus any other necessary stakeholders.”

2. On page 3 under the Faculty Senate section, after the words “faculty welfare”, add:
“faculty rights and responsibilities, including promotion and tenure”

3. On page 8 under the category Faculty Senate, add the following to the first bullet point:

“or faculty rights and responsibilities such as promotion and tenure”