Members Present: Jamey Anderson, Kay Azuma, Patricia Burson, Sandy Chung, Tracey Ellis, Laurie Guglielmo, Mona Martin, Marcia Wade

Absent (excused): Andrew Nestler

I. Minutes from 3/10 approved unanimously.

II. Whistleblowing AR discussion

After consultation with the academic senate president, it was suggested that, after the personnel policies committee finishes work on the Whistleblowing BP and AR, the documents be brought together to the senate, discussed, and then forwarded to DPAC (or a relevant DPAC subcommittee) with the senate’s recommendation that they be adopted. This suggestion is in light of the fact that the regulation affects all sectors of the campus community.

A new, substantially revised and reorganized draft of the AR was discussed. Further changes were made to the organization of the introductory section.

The committee discussed the time period required by state law for making complaints. The State Personnel Board (SPB) will not hear complaints of retaliation after 12 months. The committee was of the opinion that we shouldn’t include time limits in our regulation, in order to encourage reporting.

The toll-free state whistleblowing hotline number was changed to reflect the number found on the SPB’s website.

The committee discussed the role of department chairs in reporting whistleblowing complaints. Since they are technically not supervisors, they should refer the whistleblower to the appropriate administrator, and also may wish to advise the appropriate supervisor of the complaint. The committee agreed that no specific requirement on department chairs should be explicit in the document.

Discussion of sections I and II of the document were nearly complete, and our goal is to get through the section on retaliation (section IV, soon, to become section III) and complete work on the document in couple of meetings. Since the hotline is mentioned in section I, section V in the old draft will likely be deleted.

IV. Adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Next Meeting in Library 193