

# **Statutes Committee**

## **2015-16 Annual Report**

### **2015-16 Committee Members:**

Joe Hughes (ECE), Chair  
Bryan Church (Business)  
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The primary responsibility of the Statutes Committee is to review and consider proposed amendments to the *Faculty Handbook*. Additionally, the chair of the committee serves as a member of the Institute's Policy Steering Committee.

### **Revisions to the *Faculty Handbook***

The committee met on April 4, 2016, to consider a request from the Office of Faculty Affairs for changes including new guidelines for hiring and promotion of non-tenure-track faculty, minor changes related to review procedures, and definitions related to adjunct and clinical faculty.

- Changes to Sections 3.2.2, 3.3.8, and 3.3.10 were approved by the committee with only minor changes. The changes in Section 3.2.3 related to adjunct faculty were approved, but the committee decided that further discussion was needed related to clinical faculty.
- The changes to Sections 3.3.8, 3.3.10, and 3.2.3 were reviewed by the Faculty Executive Board (FEB) and approved by the Faculty in spring 2016. The FEB endorsed Section 3.2.2 subject to clarification of certain issues; this section will be presented to the Faculty in fall 2016. The changes related to clinical faculty will be considered by the committee during 2016-17.

### **Faculty Executive Board Task Force on Standing Committees**

During the past two years, a task force appointed by the Faculty Executive Board reviewed the purposes, tasks, and membership of standing committees to determine if changes should be recommended. Their report was issued near the end of spring 2016 and will be considered by the Statutes Committee during 2016-17.

Submitted by: Joseph Hughes, 2015-16 Chair