

FACULTY MEETING
October 6, 2023

Committee of the Whole

The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) convenes this Committee of the Whole in response to repeated requests made by faculty members for a more effective utilization of our time spent together at faculty meetings. According to the Faculty Handbook, the “primary purpose of Faculty Meetings is to provide a forum for discussion on important college matters and to facilitate governance of college affairs” (Part Two, Section I, Article I). However, in recent years not many deliberative items have been brought to the faculty floor. FEC would like to know what topics faculty would like to spend time on at faculty meetings this academic year.

We request 40 minutes for this Committee of the Whole. We will begin by inviting you to engage your colleagues in discussion at small tables and breakout rooms. At the 20 minute mark, FEC members will begin to collect major themes from each table, and then at the 30 minute mark, FEC will report major themes back to the whole group. At the end of the Committee of the Whole, FEC will gather notes from each table. Later today, FEC will additionally send out a survey to solicit ideas about potential Committee of the Whole topics this year. FEC will provide a report back to the faculty on the outcomes of this discursive process at the November faculty meeting.