

Faculty Development Committee

October 7, 2013

1:30-2:30

Library 128A

Fall 2013 Members: **Luciane Beduschi**, Music, **Alice Dean**, Mathematics & Computer Science (Chair), **Shirley Smith**, Foreign Languages and Literatures, **Flagg Taylor**, Government, **Paty Rubio**, Associate Dean of Faculty for Personnel, Development, and Diversity, **Bill Tomlinson**, Sponsored Research

AGENDA

1. Review of the minutes of 9/23/13 (Flagg Taylor).
2. Initial review of nominations for Distinguished Faculty Service Award -- decide if the set of nominations is adequate to proceed with contacting nominees.
 - Next steps, once list of nominees is complete: Notify nominees, ask if they will be a candidate (1 week to decide and supply two reference names); candidate deadline to submit CV (1 week later); reference deadline to submit supporting letters (1 week later)
3. Follow-up discussion of query from a faculty member about part of the written policy that regarding sabbatical applications: "Applications which are funded may be placed in a file accessible to the public, foundations, media, and future applicants."
 - Two former FDC chairs do not recall discussing this language, and both seem comfortable with the idea of deleting it.
4. Discussion of question from faculty member about possibility of accepting full-year sabbatical applications at the January 15 deadline if there is no request for enhancement funds.
 - Email comments from FEC: "FEC discussed the issue today. There appear to be two questions. First, how best to handle this particular case at this time on the basis of the current (just changed) language. Second, how to amend the language so as to avoid such cases in future. Has FDC made any decision yet? On the first issue, you seem to be concerned whether FDC can use its discretion. Would it create any other conflicts? On the other hand, it must be said that the policy was announced last year at a FM. It is not clear why it is a surprise to that faculty member now. On the second issue, FEC will wait for you to propose amended language."
5. Other business?