September 27, 2006

Present: Lisa Aronson, Tim Burns, Dan Curley (Chair), Jennifer Delton, Mark Huibregtse (IPPC vice chair), Bill Lewis (IPPC, scribe), Mehmet Odekon (IPPC), Patricia Rubio. Absent: Dan Hurwitz

1) Minutes of 9-13-06 amended and approved

2) FEC Meeting time confirmed for next semester.

3) IPPC
   a) IPPC Report given by Mark Huibregste
      i. IPPC is working on its Operating Code, the only substantive changes that remain to be made regard membership and the roles of the Campus Environmental Committee sub-committee and the sub-committee on Budget and Finance.

      ii. The IPPC institutional planning cycle has been changed so as to include the consultation of appropriate groups regarding the construction of the Strategic Action Agenda each spring. FEC will include in its operating code a reminder to contribute to the formation of this agenda.

      iii. Overview of how IPPC will get feedback on Campus plan.

      iv. Notification that Kim Marsella will be the CEC representative on IPPC due to Sue Van Hook’s scheduling conflict.

   b. Announcement that minutes for IPPC will be posted regularly on the web and accessible to FEC members (as well as to other members of the campus community).

4) Integrity Board Discussion
   After discussion of this issue, FEC recommended that SGA wrap-up its work on the integrity board and that it send a report of its conclusions to the Student Affairs Sub-committee of IPPC. FEC also made the following recommendations and comments:

   A. If is the case that one or both of the co-chairs of the Student Affairs Sub-Committee has a vested and expressed interest in a certain outcome to this process, then the sub-committee should be chaired for this discussion by a person or persons who have not expressed such an interest.

   B. FEC recommended that the Honor Code Commission consider taking up the judicial philosophy aspect of this issue and that it be treated somewhat separately from the constitutional and bureaucratic issues involved in this discussion.
C. FEC expressed its concern that the measures undertaken to reform IB in 2000 did not go through the proper committee system.

D. FEC believes this to be an important issue for the faculty and it anticipates the need for faculty to get together and discuss it at some point in the future.

E. In order to get some clarity on the history of IB and its relation to the college governance structure, FEC will review the REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON COLLEGE GOVERNANCE from March 6 1989.

5) FEC Meeting with Susan Kress, Interim Vice-President of Academic Affairs.
   a. Discussion of Collaborative Research and Faculty Research, their relation and how best to support pedagogic goals as well as professional ones. Issues raised concerned:
      i. the equity of distribution between the sciences and the humanities of collaborative grant monies.
      ii. whether or not there are faculty who need support and are not getting it
      iii. who benefits from Collaborative Research (student or faculty, or both).
      iv. whether the allocation of funds to Collaborative Research is reducing or supplanting direct aid to faculty research and creative activity.
      v. whether we need to target additional funds (and fundraising) faculty research and creative activity.
      vi. it was noted that these issues are being taken up by the Faculty Development Committee and that this is their proper purview.
   
   b. Susan Kress inquired about the procedure for vetting and posting Committee of Committees reports and minutes. FEC stated that, last spring, it had followed the procedure agreed to with the administration. Further, it noted that confusion about what was said and what was reported may have to do with the fact that meeting minutes and not the actual report were posted on the web. However, the actual report was vetted by the administration and was included in the meeting minutes of the May 2005 faculty meeting. FEC will make sure that, in the future, the report is better communicated to the faculty. This procedure will be codified in its operating code.

   c. There was a brief discussion of FEC’s recommendation about how Faculty Meetings should be organized and proceed. The VPAA will follow up on this with the FEC chair.