Faculty Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
4-5 pm

Present: Barbara Black (chair), Jörg Bibow (scribe), Mehmet Odekon, Paul Sattler

I. 2/27/13 minutes approved.

II. Jörg provides an update on the WTS Round III. FEC discusses the appointed slots for the Faculty Workload Working Group and the Palamountain Prose Award Committee. Jörg will communicate FEC's recommendations to Linda Hall and Beau Breslin. Voting ends Friday, March 8, at 4 pm.

III. Barbara shares an email by Mark Hofmann, CAPT chair, regarding a matter of Faculty Handbook language that concerns candidates for the VPAA and DOF. FEC will return to this issue at a future meeting.

IV. Following a final review by FEC, it is agreed that the consolidated BOT notes will now be sent on to Beau Breslin.

V. In preparation for the Committee of the Whole discussion on faculty governance planned for April, FEC agrees to study the governance systems in place at five other colleges among Skidmore's aspirants group. Each member will provide a brief summary of one college each by the time of the next FEC meeting.

VI. Barbara informs us that the planned changes to FEC’s governance website regarding updating of committee membership are still in the making.

VII. It is agreed that Jörg will chair FEC next year.

VIII. Regarding the Standards of Business Conduct policy and the Intellectual Property policy, Barbara informs us that, following the communication of FEC's recommendations to Beau Breslin, the plan is to present the two policy drafts to the faculty at the first Faculty Meeting in April, to lay over until the second April meeting when a discussion will be held, to be then concluded by a vote at the May Faculty Meeting. The Parliamentarian will be consulted.

IX. Barbara shares an email by Michael Arnush, CEPP chair, regarding a planned CEPP subcommittee that is to consider the issue of including demographic data on the new Student Rating Form. She also informs us about a meeting with Peter von Allmen, next year's CEPP chair, concerning another planned working group, which is to embark on rethinking the whole curriculum over the summer. It is proposed -- but as yet undecided -- that CEPP will appoint the members of the subcommittee, without obligation requesting FEC consultation, it is proposed to include the working group in the Round IV
WTS. Mindful of our governance and committee structures in place, FEC wonders whether CIGU might not be a good resource on the issue of demographic data and whether "outsourcing" the rethinking-the-curriculum task from the key college committee that was elected for this purpose would be advisable.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jörg Bibow