Faculty Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 13, 2012  
8-9am

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

I. Approval of Minutes

Approval of 5/11/12 minutes and 9/6/12 minutes (with minor changes).

II. Update on special September WTS

Barbara Black, who oversees the ongoing special WTS, reports that no volunteer from Social Sciences has stepped forward for FDC. The ballot will say so and voting start later today. The search for a volunteer from Social Sciences will carry forward to the Round I WTS in October.

III. Dates for Round I WTS

It is agreed that Paul Sattler will prepare for Round I to start on Monday, October 1, until Friday, October 5. The election will run the following week, October 8-12. In addition to the regular open positions on CAPT, FDC, Honors Forum, and IPPC, there will be a search related to the upcoming six-year review of a librarian as well as a search for the Bias Response Group. Language for this second position is forthcoming from Rochelle Calhoun. It is discussed that searches for the Bias Response Group should in future be added to the Round IV WTS.

IV. Faculty Handbook 2012-13

Barbara Black reports that further feedback from faculty on the updated Faculty Handbook has reached her following the motion presented at last week's faculty meeting. While largely taking the form of housekeeping issues (re-numbering or re-lettering of FH sections, revisions related to the downsizing of committee membership and the elimination of the UWW), one query concerned a friendly amendment made to paragraph 10 of the Dismissal Policy that had somehow fallen through the cracks. The chair is going to point this one issue out to the faculty prior to the vote at the next faculty meeting.
V. FEC website corrections

Our honorable webmaster Paul Sattler reports to the committee on his ongoing efforts to update the postings on the FEC website (annual reports and operating codes of the committees and their membership etc.). It is noted that while the six IPPC sub-committees are not listed individually on the FEC website, they can be easily reached from there through the IPPC link.
FEC briefly discusses that 16 Faculty members are currently serving on the various IPPC sub-committees, 9 or 10 of which are not already serving on IPPC.
Mehmet Odekon will approach Barbara Krause regarding the origin of CIGU, one of the few IPPC sub-committees that, contrary to their actual status in college governance structures, feature the "committee" title in their name.

VI. FEC chair sitting on IPPC

Following up on last week's discussion, Barbara Black reported back that the supposed long-run time savings from the new arrangement mentioned in the president's letter refer to expected efficiency gains compared to the situation that prevailed in FEC-IPPC communication & collaboration in recent years.

Regarding the future FEC-IPPC relationship, the president's letter also states that "the presence of the FEC chair at IPPC meetings does not, in itself, constitute 'consultation' (with FEC) in the fullest sense." On this basis, FEC agrees that the FEC chair will accept the invitation to become a regular member of the IPPC.

The FEC operating code and Faculty Handbook will have to be amended accordingly. A motion on the matter will be brought to the Faculty in due course.

VII. and VIII.

Issues to be taken up at later meetings.

Adjournment:  The meeting adjourned at 9am

Respectfully submitted,
Jörg Bibow