

MINUTES OF FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEC 6) MEETING

Wednesday, January 31, 2007, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Government Conference Room

Present: Lisa Aronson (scribe), Timothy Burns, Dan Curley (Chair), Jennifer Delton, Dan Hurwitz, Paty Rubio

1. Minutes from December 14, 2006

Suggested changing "a motion" to "proposal" in item #3, four sentences from bottom; otherwise, approved as amended; minutes of January 24, 2007 will be presented at next FEC 6 meeting

2. Meeting times for next Fall.

Proposed that we keep Wednesday, 8:30-10:00 meeting times rather than revert to IPPC's Friday, 10:30-noon timeslot. Problem with the latter plan is that IPPC Financial Planning sub-committee meets on the alternate Friday slot.

3. Elections Round Two:

Round Two (February 2007) – Jennifer will run; FEC decided to replace Curriculum Committee with FEC and to do CC in Round Three.

- Committee on Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (CAPT): Two tenured faculty, not from American Studies, English, Management and Business, or Physics.
- Faculty Executive Committee (FEC): Two faculty members to serve three-year terms, beginning Fall 2007.
- University Without Walls Committee (UWWC): One faculty member
- Athletic Council (AC): One faculty member, not from American Studies or Chemistry

4. Course Release Task Force Report (Dan)

At all-College Faculty Meeting, Dan will announce it the Course Research Task Force Report is available (posted in Dean of Faculty page and on FEC page). Email sent to Muriel informing her of that plan.

5. Special Programs Study Group

In response to Susan's concern about not publishing names as we do with elected committee, FEC concluded that it is not appropriate if it is an appointed committee.

4. *Faculty Handbook, Part Six.*

FEC will present all but Part Six of the Faculty Handbook for a vote at the Faculty Meeting. Because Part six is currently being edited (including removal of the two mentions of the ICGUTF, pp. 603 & 605) it will be put on floor to be held over for formal adoption at the next Faculty Meeting. FEC noted that the issue of "Academic Freedom" is mentioned only in the "frequently asked questions" section, and should the latter be removed, as has been proposed (making it a separate flyer, perhaps), discussion about Academic Freedom will need its own section and heading somewhere in the Handbook. FEC recommends that we bring back the green binder, because it is easier to update the spiral format.

5. FEC Faculty Service Project, Spring 2007.

FEC discussion raised the following questions/issues, as well as justifications for undertaking this project this spring:

Dan H. notes that this study will help to explain why it is difficult to get people to run, and suggests that we come up with an official list of committees, including Internal Department ones. Tim wants to know which faculty is now serving on administrative committees and how many sabbaticals are granted each year to know how many faculty members are actually available to serve. FEC wants to review Annual Reports for each department to see what faculty perceives to be "service." It also wants to consult with faculty, CAPT, and administration to see how the college as a whole views service. It was asked why are people choosing not to serve on elected committee; are they opting for other service? Tim suggests that we get a handle on what is paid, and what is not. Paty wants to know what actually happens with a one course reduction.

FEC proposes that we open the floor for discussion at an upcoming all-College Faculty Meeting. It was also suggested that we invite Muriel and Susan to a FEC 9 meeting to discuss this matter. Ultimately, we need to come up with a template of guidelines that will endure. It was noted that Terry Wiener (Union College) spoke last year about waning faculty governance. Dan will circulate a CFG governance document that addresses this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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