

September 13, 2006

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

1) Minutes of 5-16-06 approved with grammatical correction

2) Meeting Time Spring Semester:

- 8:30-10:00 on Wednesdays pending word on Dan's spring semester
- Proposed that there be an official FEC meeting time

3) IPPC report (Mark H.).

- IPPC minutes will be posted and password protected for whole community
Every year a strategic action agenda. FDC will be debating whether money should go to faculty rather than collaborative research, as is the current trend. Issue was first brought up at Committee of Committees. FEC proposes that we invite Susan Kress to discuss this with FEC. Muriel already supportive. Collaborative helps president to justify to the board what he has been doing (Tim).
Strategic agenda follows the strategic plan, which Glotzbach views as a living document. Its new preamble announced at Academic-Staff re-emphasizes Community and Diversity, but add Leadership, an issue driven by lack of faculty participation. Questioning leadership definition, Jennifer suggests offering new model, something FEC should also discuss with Susan.
- IPPC (and FEC) Operating Code - Mark passed out IPPC current Operating Code (updated Code forthcoming). Recommended that IPPC items come to FEC through Mark, and that FEC's recommended items for the strategic action agenda go to IPPC to ensure its inclusion in IPPC's agenda for the next year. FEC's operating code should spell this procedure out (Dan). Though IPPC annual planning cycle is not yet approved, it will always include a June/July meeting to discuss budget for the next fiscal year. IPPC will be able to discuss general categories of the budget with FEC though not specific amounts for confidentiality reasons (Bill). Committee asked group to broaden campus planning discussions. IPPC discussed numbers/enrollment group – now 40 students over targeted 2280 NFE, the net fiscal enrollment of full-time students– concern that that be general target. Funds below the line were allocated as cushion – success in greater yield, retention, study abroad are all influential factors. Resolved that FEC9 will discuss the updated version of IPPC's Operating Code in two weeks. We will also look at our own operating codes.

4) Update on Faculty Handbook:

- Mary Ellen said Handbook is almost ready for circulation.
- Any minor changes will need to come to FEC 6 before being presented to faculty.
- In general, FEC6 deals with elections and handbook discussion while FEC9 addresses the bigger picture.

5) Our agenda for the year (see Tim's Annual Report from last year, mailed

- Handle routine handbook and election matters
- Be conduit to President on all college matters, as faculty approved.
- Discuss relationship between FEC and IPPC, which the document he sent around yesterday addresses it. Ensure that the three IPPC members on FEC represent FEC at IPPC, as they were elected to do. It was noted that there is a discrepancy between what faculty voted on and what is stated in the Faculty Handbook. To rectify, suggested that FEC members or FEC Chair meet with the President together with the Vice Chair of IPPC, and that we the language of FEC and IPPC operating codes be changed to clarify the relationship of members of FEC who also serve on IPPC. Also, revise language to be more in accord with the resolution of November 4, 2004 passed by the faculty.
- Clarify matters regarding community meetings, or faculty-only “caucuses.” Need to consider why are they called; who calls them, are they called “meetings” or “caucuses”?). Is it too early to speculate when and why we would call one for this semester?
- Regarding all-College Faculty Meetings, Handbook states who can vote, but FEC needs to clarify who is allowed to attend, and who can speak (See page 201 of Handbook).
- Discuss Committee of Committee process, including at what point we share the minutes and how much are we willing to tone them down for the benefit of Trustees. Noted that President condemns the reporting of contentious items, and Susan is concerned with reporting inaccuracies. As a matter of procedure, we would hold the meeting, take minutes, and share report with administration so that they know what’s coming. Administration has asked to see minutes of Committee of Committee before they are put on line for Faculty to read. It might be prudent to have the President meet with the Committee of Committees, and go from there.

6) Integrity Board (IB):

- FEC6 should take up matter of who is running the IB in light of the fact that David Karp is using it as a lab for his 1-credit Restorative Justice class. David does not Chair IB (Co-Chairs are Kelly Carr '07 and Charlotte Underwood '08), but he is calling the IB meeting, running its training program, and insisting that all members (Tim included) go through it. Tom notes that the Willingness-to-Serve does not include this as a responsibility, and see a conflict when professor’s class is also a committee. SGA should say you can’t require participation in course. Resolved that FEC will raise the issue of who owns Integrity Board, and present it to IPPC

7) Inviting DOF and VPAA to FEC meetings.

- Dan wants to ensure that Muriel and Susan separately attend FEC9 each semester for a half hour. FEC concluded that we do not need to have Paula attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Aronson