

Minutes of FEC-6  
October 19, 2006, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Government Conference Room

Present: Lisa Aronson, Tim Burns, Dan Curley (scribe), Jennifer Delton, Dan Hurwitz.  
Absent: Paty Rubio

1. Minutes of October 5, 2006, approved as submitted.
2. Faculty Handbook.

FEC discussed several sections of the draft 2006-2007 Faculty Handbook.

In Part One, Dan C. confirmed that changes to language on faculty tenure and promotion (Article IX) would be submitted to Mary Ellen Kokoletsos in accordance with the motion approved by the faculty at its October 6 meeting. Tim noted that FEC should ask CAPT whether the guidelines for promotion of librarians and other academic staff (artists-in-residence) need to be similarly updated.

Also in Part One, Dan C. confirmed the change to Article X (Discipline of Tenured Faculty), namely the deletion of hearing option number 4 (with the Director of Institutional Diversity, which position is no longer functioning at Skidmore).

In Part Two, II.F.13 (Committee on Academic Standing), Dan C. confirmed that he would make sure Tina Levith's position was accurately reflected in the language concerning the membership of CAS.

In Part Three, Tim was concerned that the language under II.B.1. (Membership of Integrity Board) was inconsistent with what FEC, SGA, and IPPC had agreed upon last year. (Tim later confirmed by email that the language in the draft Handbook was in fact the agreed-upon language.)

In Part Five, FEC discussed the language under Article VI, the Dean of Special Programs in light of Paula Newberg's recent resignation. FEC was particularly curious about who had written the new and expanded description and whether it was still appropriate given Paula's departure. FEC also was uncertain whether the new language on whom the Dean appoints reflects new or old practice. FEC also had concerns about the final sentence of the second paragraph, which sounds as if the DoSP has broader appointive powers outside the purview of his or her Office. Finally, Tim hoped that all cross-references to Article VII (where the description of the DoSP appeared in previous years) would have been changed to Article VI. Dan C. agreed to bring all of these concerns to the attention of Susan Kress.

Also in Part Five, FEC was confused by the changes to VIII (The Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid) and wanted clarification as to their origin and meaning.

FEC also affirmed that the appropriate procedures for Handbook revisions should be (as stated in Part One, XXI.B) that all changes, great or small, should come to FEC first before being entered into the Handbook. Dan C. agreed to remind Susan and Mary Ellen of the proper procedure.

### 3. Elections.

Dan C. reported that the Schedule of Elections and the Willingness to Serve for Round One had recently been distributed to fec-eligible-list. In response to the former, Tony Holland contacted Dan C. via email to ask, inter alia, how he could get on the Self-Determined Majors Committee (standing sub-committee of Curriculum Committee), with which he has some history. Dan reported Tony's email to the group, and said he would follow-up with Tony in the near future, after consulting the SDM Operating Code.

Tim reminded Dan C. that calls for willingness to serve should ideally be vetted by all members of FEC before going out to the general public.

It was agreed that the running ballot should be publicized on the FEC website, rather than updating the faculty daily via email. Or perhaps the faculty could be reminded periodically of the link to the ballot web page.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Curley, Chair  
Faculty Executive Committee.