

Minutes - Faculty Executive Committee Meeting  
February 23, 2009  
PMH 304

Present: Lisa Aronson (scribe); John Brueggemann (Chair); Jennifer Delton; Mark Huibregtse; Dan Hurwitz; Natalie Taylor

Absent: Pat Hilleren

I. Minutes from 2/16/09 approved as corrected; Minutes of 2/9/09 forthcoming.

II. UWW:

Anticipating the Friday, February 6 vote, John laid out the procedure we will follow. After CEPP introduces the motion, John, as "point of order" will clarify who is eligible to vote by projecting the FHB language on p. 131 & 202 on the screen, and then announce that we will vote using paper ballots. John will make sure that the Dean's office provides the proper paper. FEC will distribute the paper, let everyone, including FEC members, vote, and then collect and count the ballots. One housekeeping item will be to reconcile pp. 131 with 202 in the FHB regarding who is eligible to vote.

III. Round III:

Thus far, election is going smoothly, with a full slate of candidates. To complete the process, Jennifer will publically email out to the "faculty list" the total number of voters and the individuals elected for each position. In addition, she will thank everyone who ran and voted.

IV. Board Meeting Observations:

John announced that he received the final edited version of FEC's Fall, 2008 Board Meeting minutes from Susan Kress. He has also received most of our write-ups of the Spring, 2009 Minutes. FEC then discussed possible ways to weed out excessive responsibilities. Is it necessary, for example, for FEC to take minutes for each sub-committee given that the Trustees often go into executive session, and the Administration takes its own minutes that are made public? FEC will continue to discuss this matter.

V. Faculty Meeting Receptions:

Recognizing the social value of faculty receptions after meetings, John plans to request administration to return to the tradition of serving wine and substantive snacks rather than cookies, soda/coffee/tea they are now serving to save money.

VI. Service/Governance Problem:

A wide-ranging discussion ensued, including over the results of Natalie's survey of faculty serving in relation to the number of committee seats available. John wants to go to the April faculty meeting with substantive data and recommendations regarding ways to ensure greater faculty committee participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Aronson (scribe)

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