

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee
FEC-6
March 2, 2009
11:30 p.m.
Palamountain 304

Present: Lisa Aronson, John Brueggemann (Chair, scribe), Jennifer Delton, Pat Hilleren, Dan Hurwitz, Mark Huibregtse (visiting from FEC9)

I. Minutes from 2/0/09, 2/23/09, were approved with minor changes and will be emailed to Pat Hilleren for posting at FEC's archives.

II. UWW

We agreed it is appropriate for FEC to draft a report that reviews the process and identifies strengths and weaknesses of our collective work in governance. JB will draft a strategy for completing such a report. Our preliminary conversation suggests such a report should have four parts: initial framing, a detailed description of the timeline, a summary of concerns that have been expressed, a list of conclusions and/or recommendations FEC identifies.

III. BOT observations

Jennifer agreed to take over the task of compiling our different sets of minutes in to a final report in order to free up JB for the previous task.

IV. Faculty Receptions

JB reported that he did not urge the faculty to attend the faculty reception, as previously agreed, since he had to leave before the time for such announcements. He plans to convey FEC's sense that full-fledged receptions remain important even during tough financial times, that we hope the administration will find creative ways to make that happen, and that faculty and staff will show up.

V. Round IV

We agreed to put this on hold until Natalie gets back and we can all discuss the process thoroughly. Our tentative plan is for the WTS to take place 3/23-27 and the election to follow the next week, 3/30-4/3.

VI. Space Planning Working Group

Mark relayed IPPC's request that the SPWG retain its interim status through the academic year of 2009-2010. This would mean that the faculty currently serving on that group, who were not appointed through the usual formal channels, will remain in place for another year along with the other members. This extension of

the interim status would allow that body, which has just begun its important work on space and buildings, to proceed with a certain amount of continuity. We expressed the collective concern that that group really does need to be structured carefully in the long run, which could be enhanced by the public conversation about committees FEC intends to lead later this semester. For now, FEC agreed to endorse IPPC's request.

VII. The Service/Governance Problem

We continued to discuss this issue. Pat indicated she would take the preliminary review of committee expansion patterns that JB has put together and continue to refine it. The committee agreed to discuss Lisa's draft of a new Annual Report of Activities template at the next meeting (3/16/09).

VIII. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 16 at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

John Brueggemann