

Minutes of the FEC-9, Monday, April 27, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in Palamountain 304

Present: John Brueggemann, chair, Mark H., Phyllis Roth, Pat Hilleren, Sue Bender, Lisa Aronson, Natalie Taylor, Dan Hurwitz, Jennifer Delton (scribe)

1) No minutes were approved. On May 4, we will consider the following sets of minutes: March 23, April 13, and April 20.

2) Round IV

- A one-semester IPPC spot remains vacant
- A three-year term IRC spot remains unfilled
- With regard to the spot on the Campus Environmental Committee (an IPPC subcommittee), we are waiting for President Glotzbach to appoint someone from the WTS candidates.
- With regard to FAB, FEC needs to choose from among those who were elected. (In an email following the meeting, Natalie suggested we go with the heaviest vote getter.)
- Natalie will announce the election winners when all outstanding issues are resolved.

3) The FEC 6 vs. 9 discussion

The three FEC members from IPPC (whose presence transforms FEC 6 into FEC 9) met with us today to discuss the relationship between FEC 6 and FEC 9. This year (2008-09), it was decided to not meet regularly as FEC 9, but rather just meet as needed, but no less than once a semester. JB noted that the Faculty Handbook indicates that the 3 faculty members of IPPC are also members of the FEC. Thus, we need to 1) adjust our practices to fit Faculty Handbook; 2) change the Faculty Handbook; or 3) continue to experiment with temporary solutions.

After reviewing the original purpose of the joint IPPC-FEC membership, the committee discussed whether to make the relationship between the IPPC members and FEC *consultative* rather than constitutive. Concern was expressed that we retain the lines of communication between IPPC and FEC, and that FEC needs to be aware of any governance issues that will arise as result of institutional planning.

Conclusion: For the next academic year, the IPPC vice-chair will consult with the chair of FEC, or, if necessary, the entire FEC. This will be a pilot program. Next year's FEC will continue to monitor the situation. If it seems to work, the FEC should take steps to adjust the Faculty Handbook language to reflect this new arrangement. We will put this decision into the FEC annual report.

- 4) The FEC's UWW report. This will be an appendix in FEC's Annual Report
- 5) FEC Annual Report

JB will review minutes and record the issues discussed in FEC. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The president's role on IPPC
- The tendency of IPPC to spawn new subcommittees
- The relationship between FEC 6 and FEC 9
- The termination of UWW

- 6) Committee of Committee Meeting: JB will schedule and invite committee chairs.
- 7) MALS

Jeff Segrave requested permission to make sure that all references to the Master of Liberal Studies program be labeled "MALS," as opposed to "EMAC" or other terms. The FEC approved this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Delton