

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee

FEC-6

Monday, September 15, 2008

11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Tisch 208

Present: Lisa Aronson, John Brueggemann (Chair, scribe), Jennifer Delton, Pat Hilleren, Dan Hurwitz, Natalie Taylor

I. Minutes of FEC-6, September 8 2008 were approved with changes. Lisa will send the final version to Pat who will have them archived.

II. We agreed that FEC meetings will generally be carried out within an hour, except when urgent work requires more time. We recognize that next week's FEC9 meeting may be such a circumstance.

III. Special WTS

JB plans to send out WTS for the special round early this week. Depending on how many faculty express willingness to serve, the election will be held next week or possibly the week after.

IV. Round One WTS

LA will oversee this round. She will begin planning the timeframe and organizing the WTS form with help from Sue Blair.

V. *Faculty Handbook* work

Part One, Article VII, Section C, number 6: This text refers to faculty obligations to attend fall and spring convocation and is therefore obsolete. Next year's FH needs to be revised appropriately.

Part One, Article IX, Section E, number 3, point h: This text should read "Academic Responsibilities" (instead of Academic Polices), "number 7" (instead of number 8) and "Student Evaluations" (instead of Peer Evaluations).

Part One, Article IV, Section F, number 2: FEC should not be in ALL-CAPS.

Part Two, Articles and (sub)Articles are inconsistent and are there because of some strange history of drawing from the AAUP Redbook and need to be altered at some future date.

Part Two, Article I, Section C, number 1, point e: whether this text represents a substantive change or not may be subject to debate, but FEC will argue that it is not substantive. The text on the previous page, which lists who is eligible to vote,

suggests that faculty in administrative spots have always had the right to vote, which makes this a clarification rather than a new policy.

Part Two, Article II, Section F, number 12: Two paragraphs have been revised substantially without tracked changes.

It was noted that if the Curriculum Committee's membership is to be changed, which the DOF has requested, she will need to initiate legislation on the faculty floor.

Part Three looks fine.

Part Four looks fine. But the material under the links for the Domestic Partners Benefits and the Tuition Exchange Program needs attention.

Part Five looks fine.

Part Six looks ok but is really the responsibility of HR. We will make sure they bring new language regarding the use of recording devices by relevant parties in Part Six processes. The focus should be devices except when a relevant disability is involved.

We agreed that JB would communicate with Academic Affairs about necessary changes and send an email to the faculty explaining revisions to final draft.

VI. DOF appointments

We agreed on the content of our concern regarding Muriel Posten's proposed changes. JB will use LA's minutes from Sep. 8 to draft a memo and then send it to the DOF and FEC.

VII. FEC's agenda this year: we agreed to be thinking about building a lengthy, substantive agenda.

VIII. We agreed to try to protect Monday, 11:30-1:00 for our meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted,

John Brueggemann