

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee

FEC-6

Monday, September 29th, 2008

11:30 - 100 p.m.

Tisch 208

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

I. Minutes of the FEC-6, September 15th meeting were approved with changes- John will email the final version to Pat, who will have them archived. Minutes of the FEC-9, September 22nd meeting were approved.

II. We had a discussion on what was meant by the term “shaking the bushes” (FEC9 Minutes 09/22/08). The primary motive of this decision is to call attention to the fact that recent elections have suffered from an insufficient number of candidates expressing their willingness to serve (WTS). Toward that end, FEC:

- *will not* nominate candidates out front.
- *will not* target individuals in the middle of a round.
- *will not* extend the WTS deadlines regardless of the number of those willing to serve
- *will* continue to provide updates during the WTS rounds with a list of those individuals willing to serve.

A brief notice of this intention will be included in the general announcement for the Round I WTS.

III. Target dates for Rounds I and II WTS were established as follows:

- Round I WTS the week of October 13th thru 18th followed by an election starting October 20th and ending at noon on October 24th.
- Round II WTS sometime in the 2nd half of the fall semester- preferably just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

IV. The content of the friendly amendments concerning the first and third motions brought forward by FEC (Sept. Faculty Mtg.) in regard to the newly adopted *Faculty Handbook* were discussed. John will send an email to FEC members specifying these changes prior to their presentation at the upcoming Faculty Meeting (Oct. 3rd).

V. We had a discussion regarding a possible move toward electronic access to the *Faculty Handbook* as the *primary* mode of distribution. The discussion centered on several options including limiting the supply of hard copies to select individuals (i.e. Department Chairs, new tenure-track appointees, members of FEC, CAPT

VI. We discussed the DOF's response to FEC regarding our request for clarification concerning the proposed changes in the title of the DOS and the FYE director as well as a change in the Curriculum Committee membership.

VII. The Board of Trustees will meet on campus October 30th & 31st. All FEC members are expected to participate as observers/note takers and/or note compilers. A list of Board committee meeting time/dates will be distributed to us so that we can make our selections. We reviewed our role/function as ‘observers’.

VIII. The FEC 2008-09 Agenda

Three key sources of data suggest that service/faculty governance is in trouble:

- Research of Susan Walzer on Faculty culture.
- FEC survey in Spring of 2008
- Vacancies in core governance committees (ie. IPPC)

We plan to study those documents that pertain to this problem (and it’s solution) including the 2002 CFG White Paper (were recommendations made and were they followed?); the 2008 FEC Survey, and Faculty Governance Reorganization plans submitted by Gove Effinger and Mehmet Odekon and the Strategic Action Agenda. In the next two weeks each member of FEC6 will bring their own understanding of the problem and ideas to this meeting. From there, we will attempt to formulate several plans/options/principles to present to the Faculty in some format. A *crude* timetable for this work is as follows:

- December 2008: Present three plans to the faculty
- December 2008-January 2009: "FEC will seek input from key groups (e.g., Academic Staff, CAPT, CEPP, Administration, FEC alumni)
- Early Spring 2009: FEC will bring a motion to the faculty floor early in Spring Semester
- Late Spring 2009: Vote on Legislation

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hilleren
October 7th, 2008