

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee

FEC-6

Monday, March 1, 2010

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

Harder 209

Present: John Brueggemann (scribe), Pat Hilleren, Dan Hurwitz (Chair), Karen Kellogg, Reg Lilly, Natalie Taylor

I. Minutes of FEC-6, February 22, 2010 approved with minor changes.

II. Debriefing BOT observations

Dan informed us that the 5 big parameters were announced. He noted that the comprehensive fee has been designated at 1.9% in an effort to get Skidmore off the list of most expensive schools. We agreed this is a worthy goal but pondered whether this is an appropriate increase in light of the zero GSA.

III. Round III wrap up

Although it was in some ways similar to other elections, we agreed the round was singularly successful due to Reg's superior administrative skills.

IV. Round IV preparations

Natalie is keeping track of committee openings.

We agreed to put off this election until about the last week of April in an attempt to identify as many vacancies as possible before we try to fill them.

V. Governance page

A conversation has begun between Muriel Posten, Justin Sipher and FEC about how to address the current problem of the governance homepage and other relevant sites linked to governance.

We agreed to try to set up a meeting for more thorough discussion.

This may be a significant item for next year's FEC to address.

VI. Registrar's office

Dan relayed questions from the chair of a study group (Justin Sipher) looking at how the Registrar's office is structured.

We agreed FEC has little interaction with the Registrar's office but could benefit from information provided by the Office of Institutional Research in the future.

VII. Anti-Harrassment Workshop

Among the ongoing concerns raised by faculty about how this workshop was explained to the faculty, FEC is most concerned that sufficient opportunities have not been made available to the faculty to take the workshop, both in terms of the spots available in the workshops being offered and in terms of the number of workshops.

VIII. Faculty Meeting minutes

We agreed several small changes to the faculty meeting minutes should be suggested to the Vice President's office.

IX. Next Faculty Meeting

A. We agreed the Teaching Associates Motion should be presented first.

B. We discussed various points that we hope will be made during consideration of the Big Seven motion.

C. More changes in the FH

i. Chair of CAPT, Gove Effinger suggested we might change language in the Subheading of Article VI. Seciton A. of the FH to "tenured and tenure-track" or "tenure-track and tenured" to more accurately characterize this section.

ii. Karen noted we should probably change the second to last sentence in Article VI, Section A. under COMMUNITY SERVICE to "Although tenure *and promotion* should not be..."

iii. We agreed these housekeeping measures should be taken up later so we don't lose focus on the Big 7.

Meeting adjourned 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted

John Brueggemann