

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee
Monday, March 29, 2010
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 a.m., Harder 209

Present: Sue Bender, John Brueggemann, Hugh Foley, Patricia Hilleren, Dan Hurwitz (Chair), Karen Kellogg (scribe), Reg Lilly, Natalie Taylor, and Adrienne Zuerner

I. We agreed to review the March 22 minutes at our next meeting.

II. FEC 6 Business:

We discussed the request to continue the UWW committee through next year in order to provide service to the remaining UWW students. We agreed that continuing the committee makes sense, and Dan agreed to follow up with Jeff Segrave regarding the committee composition.

We had a brief discussion of the email from Susan Kress regarding the continued conversation related to the paragraph on the discipline of tenured faculty. There is a meeting scheduled with Barbara Krause, Gove Effinger, Grace Burton, and Dan Hurwitz to discuss the paragraph further.

III. FEC 9 Business:

We had a discussion of how the relationship and communication between FEC 6 and FEC 9 has changed over the past several years.

The faculty representatives on IPPC recapped the discussions taking place in IPPC, including conversations focused on the Board of Trustees, assessment, the Committee on Intercultural and Global Understanding, the Scribner Village replacement, etc.

We had a productive conversation regarding the sensitive work of the budget subcommittee, and the prudence required of the participants of that subcommittee. We discussed the importance of trusting our faculty representatives to raise appropriate concerns in that subcommittee.

We also had a productive discussion about the purview of FEC and whether we are in line with the description of FEC on page 208 of the Faculty Handbook and whether that language should be revisited.

FEC 9 also discussed the status and operations of the new space committee. We decided that we need to touch base with the faculty representatives on that committee, and we also need an update on the committee report and feedback on how the committee is operating. This is particularly timely because we may need to include the space committee on the 4th willingness-to-serve.

The faculty representatives on IPPC reported that IPPC has discussed the 30% reduction, and the consensus was that they didn't want to change the composition of the committee

or reduce the number of its members. FEC 9 discussed various models of faculty participation on FEC and IPPC, including perhaps a change to 4 faculty representatives on IPPC and reducing FEC 6 to 4. Ultimately there was little support for this model.

We discussed an alternative model to allow for more efficient and effective communication between FEC and IPPC. This model involves assigning one non-chair member of FEC 6 to liaison with one of the faculty representatives for IPPC. Most agreed that this will lead to improved communication between FEC and IPPC, and we agreed to continue to explore this model.

The FEC 9 members also reported that the IPPC subcommittees are working on reducing the number of seats on each committee.

IV. The meeting adjourned at the designated time.

Respectfully submitted
Karen Kellogg