

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee

Monday, April 12, 2010

Present: John Brueggemann, Pat Hilleren, Dan Hurwitz (chair), Reg Lilly, and Natalie Taylor (Scribe)

I. Minutes

- The April 5 minutes were approved as corrected.

II. Intellectual Property Policy Task Force

- FEC addressed FDC's inquiry about whether FDC is the appropriate committee to consider matters pertaining to intellectual property.
- There was general agreement that there was not another committee that was better suited.
- It may be that FDC may need to broaden and deepen its charge, making the necessary changes to its operating code.
- IF the workload is a consideration, FDC should set up the policies to hand the review of cases.

III. CAS and the New Grade Appeal Policy

- FEC considered the merits of appointing faculty members to CAS in light of the new policy.
- Appointment allows for greater control over the membership and may ensure a wider representation of people.
- FEC may need to make more explicit its principles of appointment.

IV. The Zankel Control Issue

- The chair has been approached by a member of the music department about the particular problem of control of the classrooms in the new music building.
- The music department considers performance space as instructional space.
- The chair will contact the chair of the department to help establish a process for addressing their concerns.

V. Space Planning

- The task force established during the last academic year has not been called upon to do anything.
- We will contact the dean of faculty about how to proceed with the task force. We will inquire about its status, especially with respect to representation and its role in arriving at a decision on the use of Filene.

VI. Round IV

- Sue Blair has provided a draft of the WTS and the election should proceed as planned.
- When possible, sabbatical replacements have been made from a list of those who have expressed their willingness-to-serve in the previous election for that committee.

VII. List of Issues for Next Year

- The relationship between FEC 6 -9
- Work related to the 30% Reduction Resolution
- Management of the on-line elements of governance, including the update of committee memberships, the update of operating codes (including FEC's own operating code).
- Revisit the Board of Trustee Observations
- Attend to the Faculty Handbook for approval at the faculty meeting early in the academic year.

VIII. IRC

- Pat attended the most recent meeting of IRC, where the discussion centered on the best mean of eliminating the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
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