

## Minutes

### Faculty Executive Committee Meeting

October 6, 2010

Present: Barbara Black, Ben Givan, Pat Hilleren, Karen Kellogg, Reg Lilly (Chair and Scribe), and Natalie Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 12:20.

1. Minutes for the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with corrections.
2. Pat reported the results of Round I elections. She will notify those elected and not elected, and subsequently notify faculty-list, as well as Muriel Poston, Susan Blair, Susan Kress, and Phil Glotzbach.
3. Those present reviewed the Committee of the Whole at the last faculty meeting, during which the division of disciplines was discussed. It was reported that some faculty saw little purpose to the discussion, and there might be a problem with FEC being perceived by faculty as not in sync with its concerns and issues. It was reiterated that the structure of faculty governance requires a division of disciplines, but this is not codified in the Faculty Handbook. That Dean Poston has devised a different division of disciplines raises the question of the relative merits of the extant division, especially as it was the basis for telling a person from Exercise Science that they could not stand for a 'Natural Science' position on FDC. It was felt that a division of disciplines needs to be codified for the sake of clarity and so that there will be a mechanism for changing how the disciplines are divided should one department feel it is improperly classified. There is evidence that this is the case. It was decided that Reg should contact CEPP and ask them to consider a division of disciplines according to academic principles. This could be at least a beginning for revising the division currently used for governance purposes. It was decided to wait for a response from CEPP before undertaking an amendment to the Faculty Handbook.
4. A matrix of committees was distributed that seeks to track the status of their operating codes, and to follow up on last year's resolution that committees should consider whether they could reduce their size. Barbara, Pat, Ben and Natalie divided among themselves committees that they would work with.
5. Assignments for BOT observations were fixed. All sessions except the Opening session and Lunch will have faculty observers. Karen will serve as compiler.
6. A suggestion that each committee establish a regular meeting time was discussed and rejected. There are committees that have regular meeting times, and this should be stated on the

WTS for those committees. It was decided that the following statement should be included on future WTS': "Meeting times will be determined by the committee after its membership is determined.

7. Reg assigned his research assistant to help Karen with the governance web site, but he (Dan Baker) has not contact her yet. Karen has already made some changes in the governance web site, and although others present hadn't seen them, all were sure they are fabulous.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reg Lilly