

Amended Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee
December 16th, 2010
Library 127

Present: Barbara Black, Ben Givan, Patricia Hilleren (Scribe), Karen Kellogg, Reg Lilly (Chair) and Natalie Taylor. FEC/IPPC Representatives Denise Smith and Hugh Foley joined us for the second half of the meeting.

- I. Minutes from the December 8th FEC meeting were reviewed and approved with minor modifications. BB will send the corrected minutes to PH for upload to the Governance web page.
- II. We had a thorough discussion of a first draft of the FEC report on the December 2010 Committee of Committees meeting.
- III. We had a brief discussion on the process that FEC will undertake in moving forward with the Division of Disciplines.

The second half of our meeting was dedicated primarily to an analysis and discussion of the current relationship between the FEC/IPPC representatives and the Faculty Executive Committee. Currently, IPPC faculty representatives are also members of the FEC. This committee design was to ensure a strong and effective communication between the Faculty Governance and Institutional Policy and Planning Committees. The design is neither efficient, nor productive. Our discussion focused on the cost/benefit to faculty governance and institutional affairs should FEC and IPPC officially split. Members of IPPC and FEC both expressed strong support for the split—suggesting that the resulting autonomy may in fact empower each committee. Since a primary rationale for the current IPPC/FEC structure was to ensure a strong and effective communication between the Faculty Governance and Institutional Policy and Planning Committees, our primary concern (should the split go forward) is how might we ensure adequate and productive communication between these two committees. It was suggested that the chairs of FEC and IPPC would meet on a regular (weekly) basis to discuss any developing issues and that any significant issues that emerged be brought before the full committees. FEC will work with IPPC on developing a rationale for a motion to separate IPPC from FEC

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of FEC

Patricia Hilleren

