

## **FEC 10/24/12 minutes**

**Present:** April Bernard, Barbara Black (scribe and chair), Mehmet Odekon, and Paul Sattler

**I.** A few small changes to the 10/18/12 minutes were proposed, and several more will be circulated via email by Barbara, so that the scribe, Jörg Bibow, will be able to make the changes.

**II.** The FEC chair reported back that she took to IPPC FEC's question regarding governance in light of the first page, and especially point 1.b, in the "Policy on Policies" draft. In IPPC, the FEC chair asked the CEPP chair if he/CEPP had any reservations about 1.b. A helpful discussion ensued, and agreement was reached to delete the parentheses in "1." Furthermore, the FEC chair communicated to IPPC the FEC consensus that this draft should be brought to the faculty for "a sense of the faculty" at the November Faculty Meeting. In the FEC meeting, the FEC chair apprised the committee of a few extremely minor changes to language that will appear in the version sent to the faculty next week.

**III.** FEC had a final discussion of the two motions that the committee hopes to bring at the November Faculty Meeting: one change was proposed to the minors motion, which the FEC chair will run by the CC for its approval; and one change was adopted to the FEC/IPPC motion.

**IV.** April Bernard and Barbara Black had met with Beau Breslin and Paty Rubio on 10/22 about the decision to make the Self Determined Major subcommittee (a CC subcommittee) into a program (with an Advisory Board). Here are the key questions FEC asked at that meeting: Why was the SDM made a program rather than a committee? Should language be added to the Handbook regularizing how programs get started at the college? Should the faculty be notified and/or consulted when a program is launched? Should CEPP be notified and/or involved? The CC will need to announce this amicable separation at the December Committee of Committees meeting, and, thus, the CofC report that FEC writes will be the mechanism for communicating this change to the faculty at large.

**V.** The FEC chair reports that the discussion about the SPWG on IPPC has not yet concluded. Many like the hybrid model that DOF/VPAA Breslin presented to FEC and to which FEC gave its endorsement; however, there appears to be some interest in making this group a standing subcommittee of IPPC because space is a strategic issue and, thus, discussions of space should have regular, standing faculty involvement. The FEC chair will forward the full SPWG document (which gives the history of the group and imagines its future work and role) she received in IPPC.

**VI.** The FEC chair asked for any further suggestions regarding the membership of the working group that will take up the matter of faculty promotion. Those suggestions should come to the chair by, at the latest, Monday 10:00 a.m. A possible model for membership to propose to the DOF/VPAA is the following:

DOF/VPAA

FEC chair

Two former CAPT members

Two current department/program chairs

In closing, the chair reported that proposed agenda topics are already coming in for the January 18th Academic Summit; the faculty has been asked to pass these along, either to FEC or Beau, by November 15. The chair asked that FEC continue to think about the shape of the summit. Also, the chair reported an incredible response to Beau's/FEC's invitation to send slides of faculty achievement for a pre-FM slide show on November 2. There seems to have been great energy for this idea. FEC thanks Peter von Allmen, the source of this suggestion, for proposing yet another change that should help to make Faculty Meetings the collegial, productive space they are intended to be.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara