

FEC 9/20/12 minutes
(meeting held via email because 2 of the 5 FEC members had schedule conflicts)

Virtually present: April Bernard, Jörg Bibow, Barbara Black (scribe and chair), Mehmet Odekon, and Paul Sattler

I. Approval of 9/13/12 minutes pending very minor changes.

II. Results of special September WTS.

Results of the special September WTS are in and have been announced to the community. The DOF/VPAA conferred with the FEC chair about the choice for the Faculty Leadership for Integrative Liberal Learning group. Additionally, two folks volunteered their names for the FDC replacement position, **AFTER** voting had gotten under way. Barbara—who led the special WTS—is conferring with Alice Dean, chair of FDC, regarding next steps. It may be that we proceed as planned and put this replacement opening on the Round I ballot, which will allow every interested party to submit his/her name at the appropriate time.

III. The following changes to the governance website were passed on to our webmaster:

- Add FAB and its membership.
- Add in bold "chair" after Mary Lynn's name on CAFR.
- Do the same with Katie Hauser on CAS.
- Replace Michael Ennis-McMillan with Jackie Murray on CIGU.
- Double-check our membership lists against Sue Blair's on the DOF site. We want consistency between the two sites.

IV. The following housekeeping corrections to the *Faculty Handbook* in preparation for the October Faculty Meeting vote to adopt the '12-'13 *FH* will be forwarded to Debbie Peterson, and the FEC chair will make these visible to the faculty prior to the vote.

--Part Two.F.3.: delete sentence that begins "The CEPP shall exchange minutes of meetings with the CC..."

--Part Two.F.4.: CAFR membership is now **5**, not 6.

--Part One.XV.D.5.: "annual" departmental report should be "**biennial**."

--Part One.IX.E.h.: should send the reader to "Section **E**," NOT Section D.

--Article X: "this term includes, but is not limited to, any criminal act or act of moral turpitude..." should read "this term includes, but is not limited to, **criminal acts** or acts of moral turpitude..."

V. Mehmet contacted Barbara Krause to gain clarity on the history of S/CIGU. Barb forwarded the pertinent IPPC minutes (4/4/08), which indicate that IPPC recommended that the new IPPC subcommittee be called Committee on Intercultural and Global Understanding (CIGU).

In response to Mehmet's findings, one FEC member raised the question of how best to proceed to address this naming inconsistency.

VI. April has emailed former CAFR chair Grace Burton to request a resend of (seemingly missing) CAFR annual reports from recent years as well as an updated operating code. At the time of this meeting, April had not yet heard back.

VII. Chair's report: IPPC 9/7; SDM (Self-Determined Majors) Advisory Board; advancement opportunities for NTT (non-tenure track) folks and *Handbook* language.

The chair reported that the IPPC 9/7 meeting was largely an introductory meeting.

The FEC chair also shared an email thread including her, the DOF/VPAA, ADOF Rubio, and Guiseppe Faustini regarding the Self-Determined Majors Advisory Board. The FEC chair expressed concern about the length of service terms on the Board; the DOF/VPAA shared this concern and the terms have been trimmed. The FEC chair also asked how programs get established at Skidmore and how advisory boards (such as the one for Gender Studies, for example) get formed. The advisory boards do not apparently fit into our governance structure. Furthermore, the DOF/VPAA responded that, according to precedent, there need not be faculty discussion or endorsement at large of either of these issues. This item seems worth returning to at our next meeting.

On 9/20, the FEC chair met with DOF/VPAA Breslin and ADOF Rubio about assembling a working group (of 4 chairs, likely from Music, Art, English, and Foreign Languages and Literatures since those departments rely heavily on contingent faculty) to discuss advancement opportunities for NTT/long-term contingent faculty. The reason to consult with FEC is two-fold: to seek our input on assembling the best working group and, later, to be involved in the review of necessary *FH* language changes).

VIII. Preparing for Shared Governance meeting.

The Shared Governance meeting is scheduled to happen Monday, 9/24. The FEC chair will share FEC's annual agenda. No additions to that list were proposed at this time.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara (scribe)