

**Faculty Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
8:30-9:30am**

Present: Jörg Bibow (chair), Silvia Carli (scribe), Ting Li, Mehmet Odekon, Paul Sattler

1. Minutes of February 5 approved.
2. Bibow announced that the joint group FEC-subcommittee of FWWG will meet in the Spring semester on the following dates: Feb. 18th, Feb. 25th, Mar. 4th, Mar. 18th, Mar. 25th, Apr. 1st, Apr. 8th, Apr. 15th, Apr. 29th. All meetings will take place from 4:30-5:30pm and will be in LIB 437.
3. FEC discussed the upcoming WTS Round III (Feb. 24-28), which will be run by Ting Li.
4. Dean Breslin joined FEC for part of the meeting to present the following items. First, a request to change the Faculty Handbook Part 5, Section IV.E: "The Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Policy and Advising." The goal of the proposed changes is to provide a more accurate description of the current functions and responsibilities of the Associate Dean. Second, Dean Breslin reported that Skidmore received an invitation from the Mellon Foundation to apply for a grant under the Foundation's Presidential Leadership Program. Dean Breslin shared with FEC a draft of President Glotzbach's letter of intent for this application. The gist of the letter is that Skidmore would use the grant to create a new Center for Leadership in Teaching and Learning, whose main goal is to support and advance 1) research-based teaching and learning practices, and 2) the professional development of all members of the campus teaching community. FEC agreed with the proposal and supported the application for the grant. Details on how to shape the new Center will be discussed in the future, and Dean Breslin will consult CEPP and FEC on this issue.
5. FEC continued the discussion on governance reform and how particular committees may fit in the new governance model(s) under consideration.
6. Meeting adjourned at 9:40a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Carli