

Faculty Executive Committee

Minutes, February 6th 2020, 2:30-3:30pm

Present: Katie Hauser, Kendrah Murphy (Chair, Scribe), Juan Navea, Casey Schofield

Guest: Pushi Prasad

1. FEC invited Pushi Prasad to discuss the possibility of a FEC-sponsored presentation on her diversity research. Two members of the faculty approached FEC to ask if it would be possible for her to present this work at a faculty meeting. Some background about the work, possible content of a talk delivered to Skidmore and possible venues (e.g., faculty meeting, faculty-only meeting), and a question about follow-up discussion/workshops were discussed. Pushi is currently working with administrators to determine the best way to disseminate her research findings. A faculty meeting is likely not the best setting for this.
2. Approved minutes from 1/30.
3. KM met with Peter von Allmen to discuss the possibility of a FEC-sponsored presentation on health care. This would be a talk to educate the community about health care plans, rather than a discussion of Skidmore's particular benefits and budget. KM will look into scheduling a faculty-only meeting on March 20th or 27th, including this on the agenda.
4. Feryaz Ocakli has agreed to chair CEPP next year (2020-2021).
5. FEC discussed a question raised regarding online membership lists. There is concern about specifically listing which committee members are "replacements", particularly when they will be serving for 2- or 3-year terms. FEC does not see any problem with removing that information for long-term replacements. FEC will need to keep a separate record of replacement information if it is removed from website listings since that info is not easily compiled from the election software.
6. There is still frustration among some NTT faculty that they have not been elected/appointed to governance committees, even though they wish to serve; an administrator asked how to respond to those who wish to serve but are not elected. KM responded with some advice on how to increase odds of appearing on a ballot. FEC discussed publishing a list of open membership spots, including restrictions on Department and Division before preference sheets are due next year. NTT faculty who wish to serve should sign up for full 3-year terms. Anyone who only makes themselves available for a 1 year term (i.e. "Ad-hoc only") is unlikely to be called for service, and cannot be placed on a ballot. This is an issue for Junior TT folks as well. FEC should revisit the JTT requirement.
7. FEC members were asked to review a motion from PC to change handbook language related to membership. The motion intends to clarify the language, rather than change membership. FEC will discuss the motion at the next meeting. PC is planning to bring the motion no earlier than the April 2020 faculty meeting.
8. FEC briefly discussed IPPC subcommittees appointments.
9. FEC will invite Jennifer Delton, Chair of FDC, to a future meeting to discuss the committee's membership restrictions.