

Faculty Executive Committee

Minutes, October 17th 2019, 2:30-3:30pm

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

1. Revised and approved minutes from 10/10/19.
2. FEC confirmed the tentative ballots for the FEC and IPPC elections.
3. A few questions have been raised by some faculty related to the elections:
 - a. Should ATC and PC have set meeting times? This could potentially preclude some faculty from serving on those committees. (However, if elections take place early enough during the Fall semester, conflicts with course schedules are avoided.) It has been suggested that members of these committees should collectively decide on a meeting time each year. On the other hand, ATC is a large (7 person) committee, so it is more difficult to come to an agreement on times.
 - b. Should we eliminate the confidentiality of the preference rankings? There are pros and cons to this. We will seek faculty input during a COW (using a straw poll) before making any changes.
 - c. Should we require everyone to submit biographical info (including which committees they've served on)? We could poll the faculty on this as well.
4. More changes to the software that should be requested:
 - a. Currently, volunteers must rank all committees. We would like them to be able to rank one or more committee(s).
 - b. Logic error: Non-tenured, Senior TT, volunteer (not ad-hoc) showing wrong status. Others? FEC members will all check.
5. Discussed a question raised about Campus Sustainability Committee membership. There was previously a second faculty member on the committee (Jim Kennelley, as the Director of Sustainability for Academic Affairs). FEC is unsure if this position was the "Associate Dean of the Faculty (or designee)" member that is listed in the handbook. Is there currently a Director of Sustainability (who reports to the Associate Dean)? Should that person be sitting on CSC as the "designee"? KM will consult with Dean Orr.
6. FEC discussed a matter related to the presidential search.
7. KM distributed a draft of a (partial) user's manual for election software for review. KM will look into setting up folder in datastor for FEC to keep this and other documents.