

Faculty Executive Committee

Minutes, September 26th 2019, 2:30-3:30pm

Present: Katie Hauser, Kendrah Murphy (chair, scribe), Juan Navea, Casey Schofield

1. Amended minutes from the September 19th meeting were approved.
2. FEC reviewed the list of committees that will need new elected or appointed members. Committee chairs were asked to confirm our list of committee needs. A few questions remain.
 - a. PHF: the Director's term is ending (but he is continuing on). FEC is unclear on who appoints the Director. It is a 4 year term, but FEC only elects members to a 3 year term. Can a Director continue indefinitely?
 - b. KH confirmed that MALS may be taken off the preference sheet.
 - c. Some committees have not yet responded to confirm if they need elected members from this round.
 - d. FEC still needs to check in with SRC, TRB, SAS, SDM. KM will follow up.
3. FEC adopted several operating code changes to more clearly reflect its operation. Other additions that need to be considered/added in the future:
 - a. Language for how to handle special elections (e.g. Presidential search committee).
 - b. How working groups are assembled. According to the faculty handbook (page 209), FEC appoints members to working groups, but this may be in consultation with the administration. The operating code needs to be updated to clarify the appropriate procedure.
4. Discussed a motion to officially change who presides over the faculty meeting. The motion will be introduced at the October 4th faculty meeting.
5. KM reported on the conversations CEPP/ATC/PC are having concerning student evaluations. Those committees would like to set up a working group (a FIG will also be announced) that includes representation from CEPP, ATC, and PC. Current ATC and PC members may not be able to take on this additional work, so there is a possibility of including former CAPT members instead. KM will follow up with the DoF to determine the correct procedure for appointing members.
6. There will be two COWs at the upcoming October faculty meeting concerning:
 - a. the Spring 2019 CoC report (KH will post this on the FEC website) – update: this will be included on the agenda as a “Report”
 - b. student evaluations – Steve Ives (CEPP) will lead the conversation, Michael Arnush (ATC) and Beck Krefting (PC) will also be present to answer questions.
 - c. In November there will be a COW regarding the ATC/PC motion that will be introduced at the October meeting. The motion regards coupling promotion and tenure, and allowing faculty to stand for tenure in years 4-6 (up to 2 years previous experience can “count” toward tenure).
7. KM contacted committee chairs to get feedback on the idea of introducing governance committees at a faculty meeting: Chairs were asked if they would be willing to give a brief statement about the work the committees do, and, in particular, ways that each committee has been able to positively impact the community, and to introduce their

members. The purpose is twofold: to (begin to) recognize and celebrate service, and to introduce newer faculty to the role of governance committees before elections (which will begin in October). Chairs were mostly supportive of the idea. There was concern from one Chair that this would be an inefficient use of time, especially since we have recently worked to make the faculty meetings more efficient. FEC discussed possible alternatives (e.g. creating a slide show to run at the beginning of a meeting, sending out an email with the committee's statements). KM is planning to discuss this with the Dean to hear his thoughts and determine if there would be time to include this during the meeting.