

Faculty Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024 2-3 pm
LIB 128A

Invitees: Dominique Vuvan (chair), Oscar Perez-Hernandez (scribe), Jeremy Day-O’Connell, and Ting Li.

I. Meeting Schedule

Through email, FEC decided to have future meetings from 2 to 3 pm to avoid scheduling complications regarding the meeting space.

II. Approval of Minutes from Feb 12, 2024

FEC approved minutes from February 12, 2024, with minor changes.

III. FEC Chair for 2024-2025

a. Election of II. FEC Chair for 2024-2025

The chair of FEC reported the election results to the next committee’s chair. Dominique Vuvan was elected FEC’s chair for the 2024-2025 academic year.

b. Plans for 24-25 Training and Transition

The chair of FEC will update the Operating Code to include changes the committee has discussed this year and bring it for a vote of approval at the end of the semester. The chair is planning to work on a document to introduce new chairs to the position based on the experience of previous chairs. There are also plans to develop a tutorial for the governance system in the fall in partnership with Media Services.

IV. Governance System Review

a. Review of FEC Operations Audit and Next Steps

i. Governance Committee Audits

The chair of FEC will email the chairs of all committees to remind them of the audit and to submit the results by March 8, 2024. The results from the audit will inform recommendations related to the governance system.

b. Next Steps

FEC will organize a faculty-only meeting on April 12, 2024, 3:30-5pm, to discuss the review of the governance system. FEC plans to provide a summary report by the end of the semester, which could potentially include recommendations on a path forward.

c. Discussion on Service

The chair brought to the committee’s attention concerns regarding the perception of faculty regarding service that “counts” and service that “does not count.” The members of FEC had a discussion on ways to convey the message that all service “counts” and is important. The chair of FEC suggested reaching out to ATC and PC to encourage them to provide

some context to faculty on how these committees see service. FEC also revisited concerns regarding the list of committees that fulfill mandated service and how it can be adapted to recognize vital campus-wide committees (e.g., IRB).

V. Action Items

A member of FEC will meet with ATC, PC, and CAFR to talk about the question of forming a working group that looks at the roles and responsibilities of tenure-track faculty and their alignment with the institutional mission, as well as how decisions are made when determining whether a position should be a tenure-line position or not.