

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
October 30, 2023 3:00-4:00 pm
LIB 128A

minutes

Present: Dominique Vuvan (chair), Jeremy Day-O'Connell (scribe), Ting Li.

I. Approval of minutes from Oct. 23, 2023

Minutes from 10/23/23 were approved with minor revisions.

II. Elections and replacements for AY 2023-24

We briefly discussed the status of elections. CC election is going on right now. FDC is next; its slate of candidates should be straightforward.

III. PC initiative

Chair of PC has consulted with ADoF Fehling and FEC Chair regarding letter templates for PC: currently, the CPD Handbook contains form letters for use by Chairs in inviting both departmental and extradepartmental letters on tenure applications, but nothing on promotion applications. PC has now developed two such letters based on the ATC templates and asked ADoF to include in CPD Handbook. ADoF seeks FEC's advice. We discussed the templates and approved their adoption. Chair of FEC will inform ADoF Fehling of our approval.

IV. External requests for faculty meeting time.

The HHMI Working Group on inclusive pedagogy has withdrawn their request for a CoW this Friday; they wish to defer to the December meeting.

PC has requested a CoW in the February faculty meeting to discuss their ongoing research project on promotion language from other schools.

Two faculty members wrote to FEC Chair wishing for the faculty to discuss campus climate and student perspectives in the wake of recent events in Israel and Gaza.. FEC Chair will consult with DoF Mosby on the possibility of including as an agenda item this Friday, with the expectation that the faculty members, possibly in coordination with relevant committees, will do their best to curate a helpful and healthy conversation.

A larger set of questions came up: what are CoW for; are they the best format for discussion of topics of widespread concern; how should FEC and the DoF think about prioritizing and approving requests for CoWs? These are questions FEC will continue to ponder.

V. Post-CoW processing

Having digested comments from last faculty meeting's CoW, we discussed how to present these to the faculty. We will disseminate a summary document and schedule a brief report at this week's faculty meeting.

VI. Other business

In preparation for this Friday's meeting, FEC Chair will hold a planning meeting with Chase and Nora in order to optimize the online experience. Oscar will coordinate the Zoom portion of the faculty meeting.