Faculty Executive Committee (FEC)
February 11, 2026 CIS 321 2:00pm-3:00pm
Minutes

Present: Ting Li (Chair), Jeremy Day-O'Connell, Abel Arango, Patricia Hilleren (scribe)

I.   Meeting commenced at 2:00 pm.

II.   Minutes from the Feb. 4th 2026 FEC meeting were approved.

III.   Faculty Only Meeting. Members of FEC reviewed approved the final draft of the summary of the Faculty Only Meeting held Dec. 12, 2025.   The Chair of FEC will distribute the report to faculty.

IV.   Shared Governance Meeting. Abel Arango, representing FEC, attended this meeting by Zoom on February 6th, 2026. Meeting was attended by representatives of the major governance committees and members of the DOF office, each of whom reported on their ongoing work. We learned there is some overlap with information gleaned in this meeting with the Committee of Committee meetings and information provided at C/PD retreats and roundtables.

V.   Chief Information Officer Appointment. At the start of the AY26 academic year, FEC was informed there would be an upcoming search for the Chief Information Officer (CIO) that would require faculty representation. In lieu of that search, the VP for Finance and Administration and Treasurer announced in the Dec. 10 2025 Skidmore Weekly Bulletin, that Chris Brizzell had been named CIO. Chris Brizzell had served as interim CIO since the position was vacated in July of 2025.

VI.   Campus-wide Group on Access. Members of IPPC reached out to the chair of FEC with a request to consider the formation of a working group or committee that would responsible for the study and advancement of access and accessibility on campus. Currently those responsibilities are broadly distributed across a variety of stakeholders at the College. The Dean of Faculty will meet with FEC in the upcoming weeks to flush out this request.

VII.   Faculty Communication. Members of FEC reviewed a recommendation for a faculty list-serv policy made by former members of FEC to Dean Orr in Spring 2021. Information about the recommended policy was shared with faculty in a May 30th, 2021 email from the FEC chair. That policy was never enacted. The chair of FEC will make an announcement regarding this policy for the Feb. 27th Faculty meeting.

VIII.   New Governance Cycle. Given the recent decision by the faculty to change the process of tenure-track eligibility for governance service, members of FEC discussed the logistics of populating the election ballots in Fall '26. It was generally agreed that

in addition to all faculty in Cohort D (sabbatical in AY25-26), that (some or all) members of Cohort C and Cohort B not elected to serve be considered eligible to populate ballots in the Fall '26 election. More to come.

IX. Tenure-Track Faculty. Members of FEC discussed ideas in which tenure-track faculty might provide input in the upcoming (Spring '27) CBA negotiations.

X. Divisional Representation. Discussion tabled in the interest of time.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.