

Faculty Executive Committee
September 24, 2025 · 2:00-3:00pm · CIS 121
minutes

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:59.

Approval of September 17 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from FEC's 9/17/25 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Old Business

VP for Advancement search. FEC completed its nominations and election process for faculty representation on the search committee for the VP for Advancement. FEC Chair has forwarded the top three vote-getters to the President. We await his final decision on appointing a faculty member to the committee.

FHB Regarding Eligible Faculty. Having last week discussed proposed Faculty Handbook revisions regarding NTT eligibility in tenure-track evaluative processes with Associate Dean Cohen, we feel the need to hear from ATC Chair (who is unavailable during FEC's meeting time). FEC member Jeremy will reach out to ATC Chair to set up a one-on-one meeting.

CEPP Thanksgiving Week. We discussed the response from CEPP Chair regarding our request for more information from CEPP's 2023 study on the academic calendar and Thanksgiving week. FEC member Jeremy will reach out to CEPP Chair clarifying our request: we're not asking CEPP to do any more work but simply to share the hypothetical calendars that were found

to be untenable with a weeklong Thanksgiving break. We feel strongly that such transparency will help to quell the persistent faculty queries and concerns on the subject.

Governance service cycle

Following up FEC's May faculty meeting presentation on the governance service cycle, we plan to introduce a motion in October regarding the described changes. FEC member Jeremy will draft language, to be workshopped this week and discussed at our next FEC meeting.

FAB (2:22)

FEC discussed a complication in the staffing of FAB, related to a change in the *Faculty Handbook* on the subject. (The current year's *Faculty Handbook* has not been approved yet. It will be voted on during the October meeting.) FEC Chair will continue to discuss with FAB Chair.

Elections and Replacements for 2026-2027

We reviewed various committee vacancies projected for 2026-27 in preparation for this semester's elections.

Shared Governance Meeting

We discussed FEC representation at a meeting of committee chairs this Friday morning (called by President Conner this summer). FEC member Jeremy will attend on behalf of FEC.

VPAA/DoF Search

President Conner, at his request, will join FEC's next meeting, to discuss the VP for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty search.