

**Faculty Meeting  
April 24, 2015**

**MOTION**

**Motion:** The Faculty Executive Committee proposes the following changes (off in red, on in blue) to the "Function" and "Membership" of CAFR, Periclean Honors Forum Council, and Athletic Council.

**a. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM and RIGHTS (CAFR) Elected**

Function: To serve as guardian of the academic freedom and rights of all members of the academic community; to receive inquiries and complaints concerning academic freedom and rights and to consider formal charges of violations of academic freedom and rights from any faculty member, student, administrator, trustee or from the CAPT; to advise and make appropriate recommendations to the President. The Operating Procedures of the CAFR are available from any member of the Committee. The CAFR meets annually, and whenever necessary in the pursuit of its functions, with the appropriate committee of the Board of Trustees. Revisions to Part One of the Faculty Handbook Articles I - XI, XIV-XVI, and XVIII are reviewed by the CAFR for its recommendations prior to a faculty vote.

Membership: [Five] Four members of the Faculty, none of whom is on the CAPT, the Tenure Review Board, the CAS, or the FAB, at least [two] one of whom [are] is untenured at the time of [their] election and at least two of whom are tenured, each to serve a three-year term and each from a different department; and no more than [six] five students, selected by SGA.

A member who has served a full three-year term is eligible for re-election after being out of office for two years; members who complete an unexpired term or serve an interim term in place of a regularly elected member on leave are immediately eligible for re-election provided their service did not exceed one calendar year.

**b. PERICLEAN HONORS FORUM COUNCIL Elected**

Function: The ongoing responsibilities of the Periclean Honors Forum Council include reviewing applications for membership and inducting new members, monitoring the eligibility standards for current members, planning and sponsoring academic and co-curricular events, developing a sufficient number of courses and co-curricular events for inclusion among the "honors" resources, communicating with the wider community of students and faculty regarding Forum opportunities and the achievements of honors (and other) students, and assessing the effectiveness of the Honors Forum in achieving its goals. Annually the Periclean Honors Forum Council will constitute the Periclean Scholar Award Sub-Committee as follows: two students [,] and [one] three faculty members [chosen from among] of the Periclean Honors Forum Council not including the chair [members and three faculty members chosen in consultation between the Periclean Honors Forum Council and the Faculty Executive Committee]. The [four] three

faculty members of the Periclean Scholar Award Sub-Committee shall elect a Chair from their membership.

Membership: Four faculty, three elected for three-year terms and one who chairs the Council and serves as Director of the Periclean Honors Forum for a four-year term; the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Campus Life; the Director of the First-Year Experience; and three students appointed from members of the Forum.

### **c. ATHLETIC COUNCIL Elected**

Function: To provide oversight and support for the athletic, fitness, physical activity, and recreation programs on campus; to advise the Dean of Student Affairs in articulating and espousing the vision for athletics, fitness and recreation at Skidmore, and to recommend policies regarding these programs; to work in conjunction with the President, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Athletic Director, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and the Advancement to assure productive links between athletic and academic programs; to evaluate the teaching of physical activity instructors and to review the physical activity program; and to assist in other matters relating to athletics, fitness, physical activity, and recreation, as may be brought to the Council's attention by the Athletic Director or by any other member or group of the College community.

Membership: [Three faculty members, each from a different department,] One faculty member elected to serve a three-year term[s]; two students; one selected by SGA and one representative from SAAC; the Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs or [his/her] a designee, the Dean of Student Affairs or [his/her] a designee, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Faculty Athletics Representative ex-Officio (voting); the Senior Woman Administrator (non-voting); and the Athletic Director (non-voting).

**Rationale:** As part of the committee restructuring process, FEC proposes to reduce membership on CAFR by one faculty and one student and the membership on Athletic Council by two faculty. While the Periclean Honors Forum Council has the same number of faculty, the Periclean Scholar Award Sub-Committee is no longer formed by faculty specifically appointed for that Sub-Committee. Rather, it is populated by three faculty members (excluding the chair) of the Council.