

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
February 10, 2008

Present: Lisa Aronson, Susan Bender, Una Bray, John Brueggemann, Dan Curley, Mark Huibregtse, Mehmet Odekon, Mason Stokes, Viviana Rangil

1- Minutes of 01-23-08 accepted as amended.

Dan Curley will review Handbook, Part VI one more time to insure that the document includes the revisions recommended by FEC and accepted by the Working Group.

2- FEC discussed the desirability of moving Academic Planning to a more active place on the IPPC agenda. All agreed that FEC-9 should discuss strategic action items at the next meeting to provide input for next year's agenda.

3- Handbook Part VI:

FEC discussed the procedure for adopting the proposed changes in Part VI. It was agreed that since the new Part VI is a top to bottom revision that institutes procedures that have significant impact on the work of the faculty, the process needs to include a vote. This is not just an "informational" addition to the Handbook (see Part VI preamble).

Since FEC is a governance committee, not a policy committee, its attention needs to be directed toward the constitution of the Advisory Panel.

How to bring the motion before the faculty? It was agreed that it is appropriate for FEC to move that the "faculty adopt Part VI to the Handbook". This is the appropriate role of FEC, and then it is up to the Working Group to discuss and defend the actual policy content.

4- FEC intends to discuss its role in helping to shape the faculty meeting in an upcoming meeting with Susan Kress. It was agreed that FEC has been effectively denied its ability to have a formal role in reviewing and shaping the meeting's agenda, because the chair has not received information about the building agenda in a timely fashion. Current communication patterns need revision, and FEC needs to have more input into the agenda through its Chair. In addition, FEC was adamant that announcements should be curtailed and the meeting needs to be shielded from presentations from special interests.

5- Upcoming business – FEC will return to its consideration of governance reform. Mehmet Odekon will circulate his "gray paper" to initiate this discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bender