

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee
FEC-9
Friday, September 7
12:00 -1:30 p.m.
Scribner Library 437

Present: Sue Bender, John Brueggemann, Dan Curley (scribe), Mark Huibregste, Mehmet Odekon, Viviana Rangil, Paty Rubio, Mason Stokes.

1. Approval of minutes, FEC9, April 25, 2007.

Deferred until such time as these minutes are located.

2. Welcome; the FEC Operating Code, 200708.

Hardcopies of the 200708 Operating Code were distributed. Dan encouraged all members of FEC to review the Code since it outlines the procedures for the Committee's routine business. Either Mason or John, in keeping with current practices on major committees, will chair next year; with Mason declaring his intent to go on sabbatical, it looked as if the head of leadership would pass to John by default.

3. Updates and agenda for the year

Dan provided updates on the FEC Service Project, revisions to the Faculty Handbook and the Committee of Committees.

Meeting, at which he would introduce the Project and hopefully give feedback on how best to gather data. Sue suggested that Academic Staff overall might be a good venue for the project.

On revisions to the Faculty Handbook a summer working group, consisting of himself (for FEC), Mary Lynn (CAPT), Dick Hihn (CAFR), Barbara Beck (HR), Herb Crossman (ADEWD), Barbara Krause (PresOff), Muriel Poston (DOF) and Susan Kress (VPAA) has been working on revisions to Part 6 of the Handbook which has needed updating for three years. Progress has been made on balancing tenets of academic freedom with the College's legal obligations, but there is still more work to do. One potential sticking point: the procedures via which grievance claims are investigated and adjudicated. An early flowchart included a faculty review panel, but only after a formal investigation had been conducted and a decision reached. AAUP guidelines recommend that a faculty panel be involved much earlier — and that it conduct its own investigation. Responding to the notion of untrained faculty conducting an investigation on their own might make other faculty

the eligible-list needs careful review in order to make sure that those on the list belong on the list — which was not the case last spring.

6. Other.

Everyone agreed to hold Wednesdays from 9:30 and Fridays from 1:30-noon open on their schedules as potential meeting times next semester. Board of Trustees visit is set for October-26; FEC's Observer duties will be decided before then

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Curley
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