

Minutes of Faculty Executive Committee

FEC-9

Friday September 21, 2007

12:00-1:30

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Present: Susan Bender, John Brueggemann, Dan Curley (chair), Mark Huibregste, Viviana Rangil, Paty Rubio, Mason Stokes

1. Minutes of September 7, 2007 approved.

2. Mark Huibregste shared his report from the 9/20/07 IPPC meeting. Some questions that arose with respect to the report were:

What is FEC's role in disseminating the Strategic Action Plan (SAA)? FEC agreed that it should insure that appropriate conversations occur across committees whose work is impacted by the SAA.

What is the process for faculty input into the items included on the plan? FEC agreed that it is the body that should be responsible for insuring that such a process exists. Two action items were agreed upon: (1) Faculty representatives on IPPC should ask about mechanisms for faculty input at the next IPPC meeting; (2) FEC will also raise this question with VPAA Susan Kress and DOF Muriel Poston at its next meeting with them.

Mark Huibregste also reported that Mike West (VP Finance) will present background information on changes to the retiree healthcare plan at the next IPPC meeting (9/28).

The remaining schedule for this discussion is:

10/5- Budget and Finance subcommittee of IPPC will focus on the transition for employees (who began their appointment after 1999) into the new/no retiree plan

10/12- Transition plan discussed by full IPPC

10/18- Open community meeting on proposed changes

11/ 5- Mike West reports to faculty on preliminary recommendations made to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting

May 08 - Work complete, final approval

FEC agreed to invite Mike West to meet and discuss the pending changes at its October 5th meeting.

3. A concern was raised about how the report from the Task Force on Course Releases might be implemented. To insure that an appropriate process is followed, FEC will ask Dean Poston about her intentions in this regard.

4. FEC considered the process of selecting faculty to serve on the Dean of Student Affairs search committee. It was agreed that, unless an extraordinary number of faculty are willing to assume the task, it will issue a willingness to serve ballot and then pass

5. FEC Considered the Dean of Studies request that he be released from serving on the Self Determined Majors subcommittee of Curriculum Committee. Because of the invaluable perspective brought to conversations about questionable proposals b