

Present: Barbara Black, Ben Givan (scribe), Pat Hilleren, Dan Hurwitz, Reg Lilly, Natalie Taylor

The minutes from the March 30, 2011, meeting were approved. The minutes from the April 6, 2011, meeting were approved with revisions.

The Round IV WTS will run for two more days; candidates are still needed for a number of committees, including two-year vacancies on CAPT and CAS.

The Committee of Committees Meeting has been provisionally scheduled for Friday, May 6. Once this date is confirmed, committee chairs will be notified.

Various issues were discussed pertaining to the upcoming April 15 Open Faculty Forum on the "Transition and Transformation" initiative. In the next day or so, the FEC chair will send an email to all faculty reminding them about the forum. A good deal of discussion ensued regarding how this forthcoming email might be worded in order to convey the import of the matter at hand, and thus to maximize faculty turnout.

The FEC chair and three additional FEC members (the two others were unavailable) recently met with the Dean of the Faculty and CEPP chair to discuss the genesis of the Transition and Transformation working group. The FEC has some concerns about the process by which this working group was constituted and the nature and extent of faculty involvement. The Transition and Transformation initiative appears to have clear curricular ramifications, yet the substantive role of faculty in the initiative seems to have been quite limited. Email communications between the Dean of Faculty and FEC about this initiative are ongoing.

The FEC chair encouraged committee members to submit their faculty observer notes from the most recent Board of Trustees meeting in short order.