

Minutes of the FEC-9, Wednesday, December 06, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in the Government Conference Room

Present: Dan Curley, chair, Paty Rubio, Mark H., Tim Burns, Bill Lewis, Mehmet Odekon, Lisa Aronson, Jennifer Delton (scribe)

- 1) Minutes of Oct. 25 and Nov. 8 approved
- 2) IPPC report (distributed, Monday, Dec. 4)  
Dan C. inquired how IPPC was working out this year? Was it a good use of faculty representation/time? Concerns included: too many reports, issues already decided upon and merely presented, committee too large. On the other hand, it was believed that the faculty voice was represented and heard last year in terms of the budget and the increase in faculty salary.
- 3) Miscellaneous  
A) Confidentiality policies for searches discussed.
- 4) Dean of the Faculty  
A) FEC discussed the problem of faculty service with Muriel, with particular emphasis on the lack of senior faculty on important committees. Muriel's suggestions included: cultivation of citizenship in junior faculty, series of conversations about shared governance, and cultivation of specific people for certain committee positions. The question of course releases for chairs was raised, as was the question of whether or not there were too many governmental responsibilities.  
B) Muriel also talked about the new Space Committee (which Susan Kress had introduced to FEC the week before). This new committee originates with Mike West's office; it will allocate office/conference space on campus; it is still in draft form. Because of the space crunch, the committee will investigate how departmental space can be "shared." Faculty representatives (2-3?) will need to have a broad view of college needs. Yet to be determined whether faculty committee reps will be elected or appointed. FEC will meet with Mark Hofmann next week to discuss further the parameters of this committee  
C) Mehmet asked Muriel if she would be willing to talk about her experiences over the past year, as well as her agenda, on the faculty floor. This led to discussion of leadership changes, and undefined roles, FEC's role in creating the VPAA structure, and FEC's role in external program.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Delton