

Minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee

FEC-6

Monday, October 27, 2008

11:30 p.m.

Tisch 208

Present: Lisa Aronson, John Brueggemann (Chair, scribe), Jennifer Delton, Pat Hilleren, Dan Hurwitz, Natalie Taylor

I. Minutes from 10/20/08 were approved with minor changes and will be emailed to Pat Hilleren for posting at FEC's archives.

II. Pat is now posting all of our minutes and other relevant documents.

III. Round One WTS

We still need to find a second faculty member to serve on the Review Committee of Mary Lou Bates. And we hope to find another faculty member to sit on IPPC.

IV. Intellectual Property Rights

Having reviewed several documents shared by Dean Posten, we agreed that the Chair would ask Muriel for clarification about how often cases pop up and express our concern about the addition of another committee. (Since then Muriel has informed us that the faculty representatives on the new Intellectual Property Rights Committee will be drawn from FDC when cases to arise.)

V. Convening the Committee of Committees

We have established 12/11/08 from 4 to 5:30 as the date and time. JB will find a location. (I have since confirmed the Faculty/Staff Club).

VI. Faculty Caucus

We agreed the special meeting to discuss the service/governance problem would be held 12/12/08. LA volunteered to reserve the time and an appropriate room. (She has since booked Gannett). Once that is done JB will inform the faculty.

VII. Sharing WTS ballots with administrators

In light of Susan Kress's explanation for this request, we agreed to routinely share WTS ballots with her, Dean Posten and President Glotzbach.

VIII. Round Two WTS

The WTS will take place 11/10-14 and election 11/17-21. DH will oversee this one.

IX. CAPT proposed changes for the Faculty Handbook

We agreed to review the materials sent to us by Chair of CAPT, Regina Janes, and discuss this issue within two weeks.

X. The service/governance problem

A. Data

JD is generating the ultimate inventory of committees and continuing the work started by JB of counting the faculty spots on these committees.

We agreed that when a position on a committee necessitates serving on another committee (e.g., the Chair of CEPP sits on IPPC), we would count that as two positions. When a person signs up for one board but does no work unless relevant work comes forward and then serves on the committee in question (e.g., members of the Tenure Appeal Board only serve on the Tenure Review Committee if there is a case), that only counts as one spot.

NT is identifying faculty serving on more than one committee

PH will review the ultimate inventory of committees and try to identify which committees formed, grow or became more busy in the last five years.

B. Potential responses

JB presented a series of potential responses. DH added the idea of identifying certain critical governance committees (i.e., committees that develop and/or oversee policy that has implications across the college) as privileged and more important and recognizing that all other committee work may be worthwhile but is less important.

We agreed to pursue this conversation next week.

C. Consultation

We will seek meetings with key constituencies soon to begin discussing our work on this issue. The interactions we have sooner will focus on our gathering more information. Those that happen later will entail our sharing our lessons. Such meetings will include Susan Kress and Muriel Posten, Chairs and Program Director

as a whole. We will generally use our designated meeting time for these meetings (Since then I learned that I will attend a meeting of Chairs and Directors on Wed., November 5 from 9 to 10.)

XI. Service Survey

We agreed the Chair will double-check to make sure anonymity is secure and then draw the faculty's attention to the FEC survey at our website.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,

John Brueggemann