

Faculty Executive Committee (FEC)  
Meeting

**February 26, 2008**  
**3:00-3:55 p.m.**  
**Corporation Room, University Hall**

**Minutes**

Present: Ruth Colwill, Chair; James Dreier, Vice-chair; James Campbell, Albert Dahlberg, Chad Jenkins, Geoffrey Russom, Robert Smith, Gabriel Taubin

Guests: Tom Banchoff, Katherine Bergeron, Laurie Heller, Kathleen McSharry

Professor Colwill called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Approval of the 2/12/08 minutes was postponed.

The meeting was called to Executive Session from 3:01-3:35 p.m.

A revised draft of the report on FEC's Review of Faculty Governance was distributed. The FEC officers are meeting with the Provost tomorrow and would like to address some issues in the report with him. Professor Colwill brought the FEC's attention to the sections regarding Academic Priorities Committee (APC), University Resources Committee (URC), and Tenure Promotion and Appointments Committee (TPAC).

The APC and URC charges state that ballots are constructed by the Committee on Nominations "in consultation with" the Provost. The FEC feels that "consultation" has taken on a meaning that was not intended by the Task Force on Faculty Governance when writing the language for these two charges. Should we clarify the statement in both charges and define what it means? With regard to TPAC, when should the Committee on Diversity in Hiring (CDH) do its review of negative tenure decisions? What information do they need to have in order to make the determination they are instructed by the charge to make? Professor Colwill asked the FEC to think about these questions, review the draft report, and send their comments to her via email as soon as possible.

Deans Bergeron and McSharry and Professors Banchoff and Heller joined the FEC for a brief consultation on how this afternoon's Faculty Forum on Undergraduate Education should be run. Dean Bergeron will give a brief report similar to what she presented at the 2/5 faculty meeting adding some updated information. Deans Bergeron and McSharry as well as other faculty and student members of the Task Force will be present at the Forum to answer questions. Professor Banchoff reviewed the procedures he routinely uses to conduct forum discussions.

Ms. Kara Kelley (CIT), who is spearheading the Information Technology strategic planning effort at Brown, would like to meet with the FEC to identify strategic planning issues the Committee feels should be represented in the Five-Year Strategic Plan for IT at Brown. Professor Taubin attended an IT Strategic Planning meeting on the FEC's behalf. He will consult further with Kara Kelley and report back to the FEC. At that time, the FEC will decide if the entire Committee should meet with Ms. Kelley.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. to the Faculty Forum on Undergraduate Education in MacMillan Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Moreau  
Secretary