

**Faculty Executive Committee (FEC)
Meeting**

**November 8, 2011
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Corporation Room, University Hall**

Minutes

Present: Reid Cooper, Peter Monti, Seth Rockman, Philip Rosen, Harold Roth, Peter Shank (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. Minutes of the October 18 FEC meeting were approved with one amendment.

Prof. Shank gave a chair's report. He and Prof. Cooper will be meeting with TPAC tomorrow. Provost Schlissel spoke with Professors Shank and Reid about his first meeting with the Corporation. It was apparent to him that the Corporation will be keeping on top of the tenure track situation at Brown. Chancellor Tisch recently donated a \$15M unrestricted gift to Brown, and he would like some say in how it is used. They talked about development of the jewelry district. The Corporation voiced concern that Brown is not pulling in much revenue from the hospitals and that there is no Brown representation on Lifespan's board of directors. Provost Schlissel informed the Corporation that the faculty feel their service to faculty governance is not appreciated by the administration and suggested the FEC find a way to get faculty some relief while serving on committees. The FEC will check with Beth Doherty to find out what TPAC gets for compensation. Space remains an issue at Brown. Although emeritus faculty now have a lounge area for their use in the Faculty Club, it is not nearly enough to accommodate all active retirees. The Provost would also like the FEC to look into the possibility of Brown adopting an Open-Access Policy for Faculty Publications similar to what Princeton recently adopted. Other Ivies have established a website for products of faculty scholarship for free. The Provost will be forming a committee to study this as well. An article about this was published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in September. Prof. Shank will circulate it to the FEC. Prof. Cooper expressed interest in serving on the Provost's Committee and the FEC nominated other colleagues. Prof. Shank will forward all names to Provost Schlissel for consideration. Prof. Cooper noted what a pleasure it is to talk with the Provost who is genuinely concerned about the Brown community.

Prof. Shank reminded the FEC of the November 15 Conflict of Interest Faculty Forum which led to discussion regarding the December 13 faculty forum on the academic calendar. The FEC thanked Prof. Rockman for his work on the FEC's memo to the Faculty about the issue which offers four options for changes to the academic calendar. The FEC will review it further on Google for possible streamlining and come back to the November 22nd FEC meeting with something definitive. Seth welcomed any suggestions they may have to clarify the document and achieve simplicity.

At this point in time, there are 39 applicants for the Ombudsperson position. The Ombuds Search Committee will need to meet soon to start reviewing the applications. Prof. Roth, Chair of the Committee, stressed the importance of strong faculty input and wants to take the lead on this rather than Human Resources. His intention is to meet on Friday if all members can make it.

Discussion about the issue of serious warning or suspension appearing permanently on the transcript was the final item on today's agenda. Is this something the FEC should discuss with the Dean of the College? The FEC would like to know if suspension for non-academic reasons also appears on the transcript. The FEC will carry this over to their next FEC meeting to decide if the FEC should pursue the issue. If not, it will be left as is, but faculty will need to be informed of this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 so the FEC could attend the Faculty Forum on Conflict of Interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Moreau
Secretary