1) **Meeting Agenda – Prof. Rainforth**
   a) Class Schedule Re-Vote
   b) Rigor Report
   c) GECCo charge
   d) Faculty Forum – GECCo meet and greet

2) **President Mercer’s Report**

   a) The Governor’s Office has received recommendations for funding allocations (re: bond issue). We are not sure what level of funding Ramapo will receive for the library project.
   b) President Mercer is looking forward to seeing as many faculty as possible at commencement tomorrow.
   c) Discussion
      a. Question: Is the College doing adequate water testing (what is in our water)?
      b. President Mercer: Last time the system was tested was three or four years ago. President Mercer will look into whether there is a need for new testing.

3) **Approval of April 20, 2016 Minutes of Meeting**

   a) The minutes were approved without objections.

4) **Vote to Endorse Class Schedule Task Force’s Proposed Schedule Modification**

   a) Summary of Changes – Prof. Kwak: Proposed schedule has a 75 minute common hour. Breaks between classes are 15 minutes. There is a new option for 8am classes. Unlike the schedule approved in March, the “Monday, Wednesday, Thursday” spot will be same as currently exists.
   b) Discussion
      a. Teacher’s Ed faculty recommend voting down this proposal. The proposed schedule makes student teaching difficult to schedule. The difficulties are the result of the extended common hour.
b. Some faculty members would like to see classes start on the hour (not :55).
c) There are concerns that hybrid courses are being used as a way to endorse this schedule change.
d) The FA thanks the task force for their work on the class schedule.
e) Vote – Yes 70%, no 21%, abstain 9%.

5) **Vote to Endorse Academic Rigor and Grading Task Force’s Report**

a) Presentation by Prof. Christian Reich and Prof. Gordon Bear (see task force report). Core recommendation – there should be bottom-up discussions about academic rigor throughout the College. Students and faculty should understand what rigor is. The task force is calling for a “discussion with transparency” about possible grade inflation at Ramapo.
b) Discussion
   a. Comment from audience: When other colleges have implemented “average grade” or “forced distribution” policies to deal with grade inflation, such policies often fail (as they put students at a competitive disadvantage to those from other schools).
c) Vote – Yes 87%, no 7%, abstain 7%.

6) **Vote to Approve New GECCo Charge.**

a) Prof. Rainforth provided a concise overview of the charge (see document on FA website).
b) Discussion.
   a. There was a debate about whether Unit representation on GECCo should be limited to a maximum of three coordinators or three or four members overall. As GECCo is a standing committee, this issue (along with how GECCo reps are elected, per the Charge document) can be revisited next year.
c) Vote – Yes 54%, no 35%, abstain 9%.

7) **Provost Barnett’s Report**

a) In keeping with the College’s Strategic Plan for Comprehensive Internationalization, next year the College will focus on Sub-Saharan Africa.
b) The ASB Dean search continues. Phone interviews of candidates will likely occur by the end of this month.
c) There will be no classes on Memorial Day during Summer I.
d) In Fall 2016, classes will meet the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This day will be scheduled as a Friday.
8) Prof. Kwak thanks Prof. Rainforth for her service as FA President.

9) Old Business – None

10) New Business – Prof. Rainforth thanks the members of the FAEC for their service this year, and Christina Connor for running the clicker system at each FA.