Faculty Assembly Executive Council (FAEC) Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2017  
SSHGS Conference Room  
10:00am to 11:30am

Attendees: Tae Kwak, Christina Connor, Cristina Perez, Roark Atkinson, Gladys Torres-Baumgarten, Kim Lorber, Renata Gangemi, Kathryn Zeno  
Absent: Eva Ogens  
Secretary: Mark Skowronski  
Guests: None

1) Approval of FAEC minutes from January 18, 2017.  
   a. Approved.

2) Prof. Kwak’s Report  
   a. Room reservations have been made for FA meetings Spring 2017. In the future, reservations will be added to College’s Master Calendar one AY in advance in May.  
      i. Pavilion now available for our FA meeting next week.  
   b. President Mercer and Provost Barnett are out of the office this week.

3) Agenda Items for Next Week’s FA  
   a. The time of next week’s FA has been changed to 12pm–1pm (allowing an earlier AFT meeting and avoiding a conflict with the DAC convocation).  
      i. There will be no faculty forum on Feb 1.  
   b. No voting items.  
   c. Discussion of Faculty In-Service days. Are there other ways the FAEC can use these (in-service) dates/times?  
   d. President Mercer will give the FA an update on the library renovations.  
   e. The Director of Events and Conferences would like to speak.

4) Gen Ed Implementation – Long-term Issues  
   a. What are the criteria for removing courses from Gen Ed? For example, courses that run with less than 15 students are at risk of being dropped. Is there a rubric from making such decisions?  
   b.  
   c.  
   d. There continues to be confusion about whether writing-intensive courses, and 300-level courses, may be included in Gen Ed.

5) Personnel Decisions.  
   a. There are concerns about the transparency of the process for awarding sabbaticals. There are also concerns about the limited number of sabbatical opportunities and the competitiveness of the application process.
b. When a Dean is promoted to full professor, does this reduce the number of full professor slots available for other faculty?
c. Should junior faculty receive priority for awards of Faculty Development Funds?
d. Does the FA want to encourage the BofT to reconsider the full/associate professor cap?

6) Who will replacing the current interim Vice Provost, on an interim basis, when he leaves his position this June?

7) The FAEC is still waiting for a list of administrators who will serve on the Shared Governance and Online Learning task forces.

8) Potential Questions for President Mercer at our next meeting?
   i. Administrators applying for faculty promotions?
   ii. Associate/Full professor Cap?
   iii. How much has the College spent, in total, for administrators and support staff, by department, over the last five years (per category, per year)
      1. Financial information on the Ramapo Foundation?
   iv. Status of the plan to move some professional staff from 12-month to 10-month contracts?
   v. Status on library fundraising efforts?
      1. How much money does the College intend to borrow for renovating the library?