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Executive Council  
ASB 230  
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Members Present: Steve Rice, Lisa Cassidy, Susan Eisner, Irene Kuchta, Maria Vail, Marcia Sexton, Eric Karlin, Anita Stellenwerf, Jim Morley, Amruth Kumar

Members Absent: Erin Augis

1. Classroom space

Executive Council members discussed the availability of classrooms, classroom request procedures among schools, and the number of classrooms available at different times of the day. **Suggestion:** It was suggested that a dynamic list of classrooms be posted on the web showing usage and availability.

**Action item:** Executive Council has not received requested classroom numbers from Beth Foster. Councilor Rice will follow up and report back to the Council.

2. Under 10 concerns

Councilor Cassidy provided a draft survey of concerns for Under-10s to be distributed at today's Faculty Assembly. Executive Council members offered feedback and suggested additional concerns including: housing, childcare, family leave, funding for grants, intellectual community, and a "no interest" option.

**Action Item:** The survey results will be discussed by Councilor Cassidy and Jason Hecht when they meet with President Mercer.

3. Agenda for next week's meeting with President Mercer

Members of Executive Council contributed agenda items for the next meeting with President Mercer. Items included plans for administrative restructuring and salary coverage for faculty receiving research grants.

4. Dean and Related Administrative Search Process

Executive Council members discussed tenure review at the time of hire and screening candidates for placement in convening groups as part of the search process.

5. Priority Issues/Updates/Review of schedule for Spring 2008

Members of Executive Council briefly discussed issues of priority for the subcommittees including personnel, mentoring, and governance in terms of compensation for extraordinary service. Student evaluations and how they are used will be added to the discussion for the personnel subcommittee. Members present also held a brief discussion on academic culture in terms of faculty meeting space.

**Suggestion:** It was suggested that a brainstorming session be held to formulate specific goals for proposed task forces on personnel and mentoring.

6. Faculty Assembly Agenda

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The main topic for discussion at today's Faculty Assembly will be to continue soliciting feedback on faculty governance with a possible introductory question of "what are core ingredients of faculty governance to you?"

7. Summer schedule

Executive Council has expressed concern with the starting dates for summer session, Summer 1 starts May 27 and runs until June 26, Summer 2 starts July 8 and runs until August 7. Members are also concerned with why there are two week intervals before and between sessions and requests clarification from Provost Barnett.

**Action Item:** Provost Barnett will discuss this with the Registrar's Office and report back to Executive Council.

Submitted by M. Sexton, February 1, 2008