

Approved November 17, 2010

Faculty Assembly
October 20, 2010
H-Wing Auditorium

1. Approve minutes: approved

2. Report of the Faculty Assembly President: President Jim Morley

A. Self-Governance and Rules of Order: President Morley raised concerns with regard to maintaining order in FA meetings. He reminded the faculty that according to the new rules of order (that we had recently voted into effect) it is the duty of the chair to maintain decorum and order. He appealed to each member of the assembly to cooperate together to maintain order. The parliamentarian was identified at beginning of the meeting. Finally, the clicker voting system was explained.

B. Activities of the Executive Council: Please refer to the minutes for all discussion items. The main activities of the Council are currently: course release parity, convener support, and committee creep.

C. Meeting with President Mercer on Student Binge Drinking: In reaction to comments regarding the implication of a causal link between faculty and student drinking, FAEC met with President Mercer. Council reiterated that faculty will be part of the solution. President Morley also announced that he and Councilor Olbrecht will be making a field trip to Lehigh University to observe how they've positively dealt with this issue.

3. Response system/Clicker demonstration: Christina Connor, Library

Christina Connor presented a short demonstration on the use of "clickers" and a practice tally of attendance was taken.

4. ARC Decision Items: Emma Rainforth, ARC Chair

For details and full rationale please consult the ARC webpage which is linked to the Faculty Assembly Webpage.

<http://ww2.ramapo.edu/facultystaff/fa/arc/reports.aspx>

Motion 1: Course Level Guidelines

"Approve and adopt the Course Level Guidelines for graduate level courses as drafted in the 2010 Academic and Curricular Guidelines Manual (page 10)"

There were only a few questions from the floor before discussion was closed and voting was opened.

Results: Yes: 87 (89.69%); No: 7 (7.22%); Abstain: 3 (3.09%); Total votes: 97;

Motion is approved.

Motion 2: Graduate Course Capacities

"Approve and adopt a Course Enrollment Guideline for graduate courses which recommends a maximum course capacity for graduate courses of 25 students"

There were no questions from the floor and voting was opened.

Results: Yes: (71.88%); No: 18 (18.75%); Abstain: 9 (9.38%); Total votes: 97;

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5. Old Business

A. Online evaluations: Faculty can opt out of online evaluations and choose paper evaluations. There was brief discussion on the question of completion rates for online evaluations.

B. Convener support and course release parity: Executive Council is discussing this.

C. Request from the floor: A faculty member from the floor requested information regarding the Honors program.

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