

Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2014

ASB-230

900-1100 AM

Present: Emma Rainforth, Rebecca Root, Susan Eisner, Ken McMurdy, Kim Lorber, Susan Kurzmann, Roark Atkinson, and Jonathan Lipkin

Absent: Bonnie Blake

Secretary: Dean Chen

Guests: Provost Beth Barnett, Professors Eric Karlin and Martha Ecker

1. Approving minutes (12/3)
 - a. Approved

2. President Rainforth's updates
 - a. Meeting with Provost Barnett: Discussed about the Task Force reports (Rigor, Experiential Learning, Gen Ed, and Academic Excellence and Engagement). FAEC advised that the task forces should have better communications and coordination with each other.
 - b. Meeting with President Mercer: the President is pleased to meet and talk with the FAEC regularly.
 - c. Meeting with Chris Romano: Beginning in March 2015, Ramapo intranet websites will be made inaccessible to the public. It would require Ramapo username and passwords in order to enter them. Chris also discussed about transfer courses and providing event dates to faculty in advance.

3. Agenda for George Ruotolo visit to FAEC later today
 - a. FAEC members will continue the discussion on shared-governance by providing some examples of joint efforts made by both the faculty and administration (i.e., campus safety, TFAEE)
 - b. Will also follow-up on the sexual assault issues

4. Meeting with the Provost
 - a. Five slots are opened for full-professors; eight slots are opened for associate-professors; and one slot is opened for professional staff
 - b. Scheduling change (a one-year experimental arrangement): Provost is proposing that starting in Fall 2015, courses will meet full 4-credit hours (200 minutes per course). To accommodate the longer in-class time that entails, alternate scheduling for some programs, and need for more Wednesday classes in light of student drinking patterns

on Tuesday evenings, there will be courses scheduled two times a week as well as three times a week or one time a week. This is a one-year arrangement during which, the College should have better idea on how to best schedule as of Fall 2016.

- b. Eric Karlin (Chair of Task Force on Academic Excellence and Engagement) and Martha Ecker (AFT President) were invited to join the meeting given their roles in the topic being discussed.
- c. The status of their recommendations will be presented at Faculty Assembly later today.

5. Agenda for Faculty Assembly today:

- a. President Rainforth's updates
- b. President Mercer's updates
- c. Gen Ed Task Force (Ed Shannon)
- d. Updates from TFAEE (Eric Karlin)
- e. President Barnett's updates

6. Agenda for Faculty Conference (1/15 - tentative)

- a. TFAEE (update/possibly the draft)
- b. Gen Ed