

## Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2015

ASB-522

915 AM -1100 AM

Present: Emma Rainforth, Rebecca Root, Kim Lorber, Susan Kurzmann, Bonnie Blake, Ken McMurdy, Jonathan Lipkin, and Tae Kwak

Excused absence: Susan Eisner

Secretary: Dean Chen

1. Approval of FAEC minutes from 3/11
  - a. Approved
  
2. President Rainforth's updates:
  - a. Meeting with President Mercer
    - I. Deficits next year will be \$2.5 million, a small amount of which is due to the change to the interim 4-credits course schedule.
    - II. The state appropriation will remain the same, but they will be paying for the increased benefits cost out of the operating budget pot – which results in a *cut* to the appropriations for the general operations.
  
  - b. Meeting with Provost Barnett
    - i. Discussed and followed up on the TFAEE report.
    - ii. It appears that the Provost is, in general, in favor of the major recommendations from the TFAEE report.
  
  - c. Meeting with Chris Romano
    - i. Increasing student aide positions on campus: students are responding positively
    - ii. Enhance the co-curricular credits and transcript
    - iii. Admissions update: compared with this time last year, we're ahead in applications, on par with deposits, and have had fewer requests for transcripts by students wanting to transfer *from* Ramapo.
    - iv. Registration begins next week for Fall. Summer registration began before Spring Break, to take advantage of local students at other schools being home for Spring Break and looking for places to take summer classes; compared with this time last year (i.e., 2 weeks after registration opened), we have more visiting students registered for summer classes.

3. Full-Professors Forum meeting on 3/11 (report from Jonathan Lipkin)
  - a. The full professors voted unanimously that there is a “crisis in the administration.”
  - b. The Full-Professors Forum will meet and discuss with President Mercer this afternoon (3/25) regarding these issues.
4. Faculty rep to Dean of Students Search
  - a. Stephanie Sarabia (SSHS) has been suggested.
  - b. FAEC agrees to that suggestion.
5. Sick students (report by Kim Lorber)
  - a. Discussed whether professors can “compel” their sick student to leave and go home.
  - b. FAEC suggested that professors have the prerogatives to decide on their attendance and absence policies. But, it will be a good idea to check with Melissa Van Der Wall. Kim will do so.
6. Planning for Faculty Conference Day (May 21, 2015),
  - a. Possible agenda items:
    - i. Shared governance report
    - ii. Vote on Gen Ed proposal
  - b. Vice President Root requested time for convening groups to work on assessment.
7. Schedule Task Force
  - a. Discussed whether the TF should be a Provost TF, FA TF, or FAEC TF. Concluded it should be a Provost TF.
  - b. Discussed membership and charge in broad terms. President Rainforth shared her draft of what the charge might look like which was discussed by FAEC.
8. Agenda for meeting with the Board of Trustees
  - a. FAEC advised to have the meeting after the end of semester. Items that are up in the air at the moment should be clearer by then.
9. Discussed the new Gen Ed proposal.
  - a. The Gen Ed report is tentatively scheduled to be voted in the next FA meeting on April 8.
10. Request for faculty discussion on the schedule (Kim Lorber)

Rep. Lorber requested time at FA, with administrators absent, to discuss the Interim Schedule. Upon discussion, and given the already busy agenda for that meeting, we suggested holding a Faculty Forum on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1130 AM in the Pavilion. (This time is open in the meeting calendar, having been earlier reserved for Poster Day, which is now going to begin at 3pm).

11. Next FAEC meeting
  - a. Meeting with President Mercer
  - b. Meeting with Provost Barnett
  - c. Discuss the Rigor Report