

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 be 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?