

**Faculty Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2011
8:30am**

Present: Jörg Bibow, Ben Givan (scribe), Reg Lilly, Paul Sattler, Barbara Black (chair).

Two members of the FEC attended this week's meeting of the Faculty Interest Group, in which about fifteen or so attendees discussed the role of the faculty in shaping the college's educational mission. These members reported that the FIG discussion was wide ranging. Among the issues discussed at the FIG were: Should the college allow fundraising considerations to influence curricular decisions? Does the fact that the faculty approved the college's long-range strategic plan obviate the need for further substantive faculty consultation or votes on subsequent implementation of the plan, given that details of its implementation are subject to interpretation and influenced by an evolving external environment? A variety of disparate views were expressed at the FIG meeting.

The FEC discussed the sense that faculty no longer seem always to play a substantive role in the development of major curricular initiatives. Often faculty are only brought into a process after its goals and parameters have been defined by administrators.

The FEC discussed whether information and discussion of college policies could profitably be conducted through the medium of an online "blog." For instance, administrators and/or faculty could maintain blogs where information about ongoing initiatives could be posted. Various pros and cons were discussed.

V. Update on Faculty Meeting Query

The FEC has requested input from the faculty at large as to how the format of the college's monthly faculty meetings might be enhanced. Responses received so far were distributed (respondents' identities were anonymous except for those who expressly

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Givan