

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

10:30-11:30 (Zoom)

Present: Jason Ohlberg (chair), Xiaoshuo Hou, Oscar Perez-Hernandez, Casey Schofield (scribe)

1. Approved the minutes from 9/12/21
2. JO shared historical institutional context where faculty made contributions to DOF/college decision-making surrounding department/program tenure lines.
 - a. Discussed the possibility of structuring the working group to be explicitly advisory (avoids the concern that these faculty are placed in the role of a "shield" to the DOF).
 - b. Discussed the possibility of FEC offering a forum for faculty to offer their perspectives/concerns about this work
3. DOF Orr joined FEC for discussion of the working group regarding faculty lines; DOF Orr described his goal of constituting an advisory group who works with DOF to review outstanding requests for faculty lines (in light of institutional requirement to reduce the size of the faculty).
 - a. Work would be to collaboratively establish _____ to evaluate request for lines
 - b. Envisioning this group as _____ (i.e., solicit nominations/self-nominations, and FEC runs an election for a 1-year position, but anticipates several years of this work ahead)
 - c. Prefers that this happens promptly this fall, assumes that most of the lines are searches that will _____ be able to happen this year. Imagines that this group would start with the work on evaluating outstanding requests from last year (that said, DOF Orr anticipates a small group of outstanding requests will be approved without this process established).
 - d. DOF Orr is envisioning the work of this group as _____ (i.e., the group would make a recommendation of what positions should be approved, and perhaps what positions should *not* be approve), the authority for the final decisions will be with the Dean's office.
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