

**Committee of Committees
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2024, 12:00-1:00 pm
Dining Hall Test Kitchen**

Attendees: Dominique Vuvan (FEC chair); Jeremy Day-O'Connell (FEC member); Ting Li (FEC member); Oscar Perez Hernandez (FEC member); Sarah DiPasquale (ATC member, ATC chair 2024-25); A.Jmember)

I. Welcome

The Chair of FEC welcomed attendees.

II. FEC Recommendations Following Operations Audits

The Chair of FEC thanked committee representatives for their participation in the audit and went over recommendations for all committees: review their operating code regularly, document information regarding non-meeting workloads, establish formal procedures for chair selection, update their website and other materials regularly, and, for those committees with co-chairs, describe the responsibilities of each co-chair in operating code.

III. Committee Reports

The Chair of FEC reminded attendees that the purpose of the Committee of Committees is “to assess the interactions among member committees and between them and the Administration, and to discuss ongoing issues and any problems in committee operations.” Then each representative proceeded to provide their report.

Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights (CAFR)

Incoming chair: Bill Lewis

Continued working with CEPP on recording policy.

Worked with Kim Frederick (Working Group on Inclusive and Accessible Teaching and Learning) on identifying issues that come up in the work of the committee that could potentially be avoided by changes to the Faculty Handbook.

Processed informal inquiries and formal inquiries that involved recommendations to the president;

Extremely busy with confidential work.

Contacted IT to remove an old version of their operating code website with old version of operating code

Will continue to update the Operating Code as needed.

Committee on Educational Policies and Planning (CEPP)

Continuing chair: Nick Junkerman

In consultation with CC, the committee worked on changes to the two-course option to satisfy the Bridge Experience requirement. This possibility was previously part of CEPP's implementation procedure for the new requirement.

Supported the transition of the Environmental Studies and Sciences (ESS) program to become a department. The motion was voted on and approved by the faculty.

Worked on recording policy, in consultation with other committees and the administration.

Curriculum Committee (CC)

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- Next year, the committee is likely to discuss a procurement philosophy with relevant

committee that the work is often not about policy making but about how new policies will impact the community and should be communicated. The faculty co-chair has suggested changes to the operating code to offer clarification in this respect. Unsure if changes will be approved by the committee. [Addendum: these and other comments from IPPC committee members were compiled and submitted to President Conner and VP Joshua Woodfork, who have committed to discussing them with the committee members further to update/provide clarity on the operating code]

Expressed concerns about lack of consistency and clarity in the functioning of the committee (e.g., when a measure would be voted on or not, when and how endorsement is to be provided).

Faculty representation is strong on the committee, but issues when communicating and consulting with faculty at large due to limitations established by committee policies.

The chair of FEC asked attendees for advice on these issues.

Made progress on several pieces of committee work, many of which have been presented during faculty meetings: enrollment and financial outlooks that motivated changes to the Subcommittee on Budget and Finance to include more perspectives; strategic planning; capital budget requests and availability of funds (requests that amounted to \$15.5 million but only \$13 million available); new baseball facilities; single record-keeping; proposed IT security policies (under review).

Appointment and Tenure Committee (ATC)

Incoming chair: Sarah DiPasquale

Worked on tenure cases during the fall.

Worked on several projects during the spring semester, including the review of their operating code, creation of ATC's 2024-2025 calendar, completion of FEC's audit, three presentations about tenure for various constituencies, and responses to various inquiries from other committees.

Reported productive and cordial relations with PC.

Athletic Council (AC)

Incoming chair: Daniel Peterson

Received a visit from the President and the VP for Strategic Planning and Institutional Diversity in advance of the announcement of the new baseball facilities.

Worked on ongoing course policies that affect student-athletes. Maintained conversations with the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Student Academic Affairs and particular departments on course requirements beyond scheduled class time that affect student-athletes.

Responded to concerns expressed by faculty regarding students missing classes for athletic responsibilities that should not prevent them from attending class. Made progress in addressing some of these issues.

Currently considering a Faculty Associate program that would associate faculty with each sport. The program would tighten the connection between faculty and student-athletes. It could potentially be evaluated next year.

