

Minutes of the FDA Executive Meeting September 1, 2011

Present:

Tony Doyle, Edward Fernandez, Owen Gutfreund, Bernadette McCauley, Debbie Sonu, Jason Young

The discussion began with affirmation of our agreement that the FDA must change to be a meaningful organization and focused on how to begin movement toward that end.

1) There will not be a general meeting in September and the October meeting (which will be held in the lounge) will be a combined social and business meeting where we will ask for suggestions about the organization and its future.

2) We need to encourage attendance. We will all do this personally and Debbie and Eddie offered to reach out to newish and junior faculty (Debbie), and adjuncts (Eddie.) Two emails will go out from the office: one just a few days before as a reminder. We also discussed the lounge itself-specifically the terrible shape it is in- and Debbie and Bernadette offered to take on rectifying that.

We continued last spring's conversation about new officers and election. (Occasional lapses in Minutes suggest the need for a new and improved secretary.) We will all ask for recruits among colleagues and at the meeting in October.

Tony reported that the Teaching and Learning Center requested use of the Lounge on a regular basis but the details were unclear so Tony will ask Professor Clarkson, who made the request, to meet with us and elaborate.

We concluded with optimism that we could make this work better.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette McCauley