

**Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate
Assembly
Solarium
Wednesday, October 2, 2008, 11:00 AM to Noon**

Present: Professors David Connor, Tony Doyle, and Jason Young

FDA President Jason Young called the meeting to order at 11:15.

1. Approval of minutes, May 7, 2008, and September 3, 2008. The minutes were approved.

2. Information Items:

- * Professor Young welcomed Prof. Bernadette McCauley and Prof. Jenny Tuten to the FDA Executive Committee. Prof. McCauley will be with us for just this semester, so we'll be looking for someone new in January.
- * Revised FDA website. We hope to continue to revise it as people make suggestions. We're looking for additional off campus resources that will be useful. James Regan and Sherry-Ann Green will be making the changes.
- * Proposed meeting with the vice president of Facilities. All members of the Executive Committee are welcome to attend this meeting, which is yet to be scheduled. One prospective topic is expanding the Xerox room hours. It currently closes at 5:30, but we have many later classes. Prof. Young will be meeting with Michael Fischer next week to talk about such issues.
- * The FDA still doesn't have an email list of all adjuncts. Manfred Kuechler is working on this. But even when we have a list, we will still need to update it every semester due to turnover. Mr. Regan and Ms. Green will check this. Currently they have to call every department, every semester, since human resources won't provide the information. We would also like to survey all the adjuncts about things like the Xerox room hours, but we still don't have a way to do this.
- * The FDA lounge. It is used a lot on weekends, even though the FDA isn't informed. Those who use the area typically leave it in disarray.

3. Brief Discussion Items

- * Agenda for FDA General Meeting on Oct 22
 - Provost Rabinowitz is scheduled to appear at the beginning of the meeting.

-- Invite Manfred Philip, president of the University Faculty Senate, to speak? He could discuss the new rules regarding intellectual property and academic freedom. The Committee agreed that we should invite Prof. Philip to speak at the next meeting.

-- Prof. Kuechler is happy to address the FDA anytime about technology initiatives. Some of the opposition he faces comes from faculty who don't want to use Blackboard. He is finding that many Blackboard sites are blank.

* Meeting with President Raab, November 11, 2008. We should start thinking about an agenda, since she'll want to see it before the meeting.

* University Faculty Senate Items

-- Chancellor Goldstein gave the impression that no faculty hiring search current in progress should be frozen. If a department has a search stopped, it should inform the UFS, and they will in turn inform the chancellor.

-- Over-enrollment slush fund. This money comes back to the presidents for discretionary spending.

-- It's still possible that the 2008-09 budget could be cut as much as 5%.

* Faculty *Voice*. We welcome suggestions for items that should be included.

* Faculty social. The next one will be held on October 15 from 4:30 until 7:00. Members of the Executive Committee volunteered to help out. Prof. Connor will organize a demo of the newly updated FDA website.

4. New Business. There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Doyle
FDA Secretary