

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate  
Assembly

Solarium

Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 11:00 AM to Noon

Present: David Connor, Tony Doyle, Michael Fisher, Charles Guzzetta, Bernadette McCauley, and Jenny Tuten

1. FDA President Jason Young called the meeting to order at 11:04.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 5, 2008: The minutes were approved.

3. Information Items:

- \* Update on maintenance issues. Prof. Young intends to meet with the director of maintenance. Other members of the Executive Committee will be invited to attend. Issues to be discussed include problems with one of the elevators in Hunter North.

- \* Modifying Hunter-I subscriptions. From now on faculty and staff will automatically be subscribed to Hunter-I and will have to opt out to get off the list. This decision was made together with Senate President Richard Stapleford.

- \* Upcoming Middles States matters involving faculty. The evaluation team will be coming in April. President Earl Richardson of Morgan State College, head of the accreditation group, visited campus last week to talk about the resources that he will need when he arrives.

The Middle States final report will form the core of Hunter's strategic plan. Input from faculty will be important. Mr. Regan or Ms. Green of the FDA office will indicate changes that the president makes in the draft of the final report by using the *track changes* feature in Word.

4. Brief Discussion Items:

- \* The Executive Committee agreed to cancel the December 17 General FDA meeting due to a conflict with final exams.

- \* Proposals for meeting topics for the spring semester.

- The Committee agreed to invite the president to the February meeting, although at this point we can't be certain that she will be able to make it.

-- We could invite the director of maintenance to speak at the general meeting in February.

-- March meeting: Prof. Doyle suggested that for at least one meeting in the spring we invite a faculty member to discuss her research for ten or fifteen minutes. This might help boost attendance.

-- Prof. Young suggested instead that we have all attendees talk for two or three minutes about their research. Faculty would then have an opportunity to talk informally with those who have similar interests. The FDA could announce this opportunity on FDA-l.

-- Prof. Connor suggested an informal lunch before the general meeting in which faculty would be encouraged to talk about their research. Prof. Young thought that the provost's office might have some money for this, since the event would involve faculty development.

-- April meeting. Invite grant getters from all schools across the college to discuss their strategies for success.

-- Prof. Fisher suggested having someone from Human Resources or Payroll talk about the chronic delay in processing faculty paychecks.

-- Prof. Guzzetta suggested inviting representatives from PSC-CUNY or AAUP to discuss the implications of likely cutbacks in the current recession.

-- Prof. McCauley raised the issue of informed registration. From the lively discussion that followed emerged Prof. Young's suggestion that we invite Prof. Tronto to the February meeting to present her criticisms of the policy. Prof. Doyle suggested inviting Prof. Kuechler to defend the policy.

5. New Business: There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Doyle  
FDA Secretary

