

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Delegate Assembly
Room HE 14nn
February 6, 2008, 11:00 to Noon

Present: Profs David Connor, Tony Doyle, Charles Guzzetta, and Jason Young

FDA President Young convened the meeting at 11:06

1. Approval of the minutes. The minutes from the meeting of the executive committee, December 5, 2007, will be reviewed at the next executive committee meeting in March.

2. Information items:

a. Problems with the Faculty Lounge. People have been moving its furniture out of the space or storing other furniture there. Also, people haven't been cleaning up after themselves. Unfortunately, since the lounge is a fire exit from the faculty cafeteria, we can't lock it. So people from the cafeteria will continue to have access to it. Also, we're constantly contacted by classes that would like to use the lounge, but we're trying to hold the line.

* Prof. Guzzetta asked whether we could swap the space we currently control for a more secure space.

* Prof. Young responded that there's a space on level C in Hunter North, but it's windowless and thus less appealing.

b. Candidate for evening representative to replace Prof. Scheffler: Ideally, we need a representative from Health Sciences.

c. Status of the FDA tasks that James Regan and Shery Green are working on: (i) Mr. Regan and Ms. Green are currently putting *The Faculty Voice* together. Within the next week or two we should have a draft. (ii) The FDA website is at a near standstill. (iii) The Faculty Handbook is in the process of going online. (iv) Exchange of useful information, for instance, about doctors or dentists, among faculty and staff: perhaps we could put together a spreadsheet.

d. Seminar on the corporatization of the university: Prof. Young and Prof. Stapleford of the Hunter Senate have opted not to hold this event this year, since there is no large space available. Also, the Middle States self-study is consuming a lot of faculty time.

3. Discussion items

a. Agenda for the general FDA meeting, February 20, 2008

i. President Raab is scheduled to speak at beginning of meeting.

ii. Prof. Young proposed using part of the meeting to discuss the Middle States self-study.

b. FDA conference on external funding. The next conference should be geared to the arts and humanities, since the social and physical sciences have been done in the past. Prof. Connor agreed to ask if any of his colleagues in the School of Education had information about private funds that would support research outside of the sciences. Possible times for the conference are late March or early April.

c. FDA social. We should hold it the same day as a senate meeting. Potential dates are April 2 or April 16.

4. New business

Prof. Guzzetta mentioned that on February 5 the University Faculty Senate addressed the Performance Management Program and how it's used to evaluate presidents. He met with Prof. Stapleford to suggest that the chair of such a committee be a faculty member. President Raab wants a dean.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Doyle
FDA Secretary