

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

Solarium

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Present: Tony Doyle, Michael Fisher, and Jason Young

FDA President Jason Young called the meeting to order at 10:10.

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2009, Executive Committee meeting: The minutes were approved.

2. Information Items:

* Update on proposed changes to PSC-CUNY Research Award program:

The University Faculty Senate voted against the plan last night.

The proposal:

Currently the process is peer reviewed within each discipline. CUNY is looking to streamline the program. Rather than have reviews take place within disciplines, the proposal is to have them done on the campuses. Each campus would be allocated a certain amount of money. Last year \$77,000 went to pay reviewers from outside of CUNY. If the reviewing were all done on the campuses, CUNY could save this money, and it could go directly to grants instead. The community colleges favor the change. They are concerned that they are not getting their fair share under the current arrangement. They think that they would benefit if money were apportioned by campus. The chancellor also supports the proposal. He has urged that there be fewer, larger, and thus more competitive grants.

Gillian Small, CUNY's Vice Chancellor for Research, is trying to consolidate the Institutional Review Boards across all campuses. This would mean that the campuses would lose even more of their identity. Vice Chancellor Small claims that the goal of the new proposal is to shift money from the sciences to areas that have had less money. However, it's likely that the social sciences and humanities would wind up with even less money under the proposed scheme.

* Debate over the turnstile at Hunter: This will be carried on in the Senate today. It's not clear where the FDA fits in. We've had two or three forums on the topic over the years. We might want to raise this during our April meeting.

* Planning for FDA and University Faculty Senate elections. Professor Young will put out a call for campus-wide nominees.

Professor Fisher will be leaving at the end of the year. Professor Young asked him if he could try to find someone from among the adjuncts.

3. Brief discussion items:

* Agenda for April 29 FDA general meeting: We're holding it late because many departments have scheduled meetings for April 22.

* Forum on grant-getting. This will be the focus of the April general meeting. Members of the Executive Committee should ask colleagues to come to talk about best practices. Professor Young will talk to provost to see if we can get someone from a grant-giving agency to speak. Professor Connor has asked Professor Shirley Cohen, who has agreed to speak.

* Request for faculty nominations:

-- Auxiliary Enterprise Board: There are currently two faculty representatives. We've been asked to submit two names. Prof. Young will post the notice on FDA-I when he gets the full information.

-- Domestic Violence Committee: One nominee needed. Professor Young has asked for a description of the committee and will post it on FDA-I. Each campus must now have a domestic violence committee.

4. Old Business: There was no old business.

5. New Business: There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Doyle
FDA Secretary