

**Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Faculty Delegate Assembly
Wednesday, May 3, 2007**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 by FDA President Professor Jason Young. Also present were Professors Tony Doyle and Abby Sorman.

1. Approval of the minutes.

The minutes from the March 28, 2007 Executive Committee meeting were approved with minor changes.

2. Information items

* Status of the Adjunct Faculty Handbook

Professor Sorman reported that she has made progress on the Handbook.

* Finding candidates for the upcoming FDA elections.

- We need a petition with 20-25 signatures. Since we have an FDA meeting in two weeks, Prof. Young will check to see if we can avoid petitions where the openings are uncontested.

- Next year's Executive Committee will consist of Prof. David Connor of Special Education, Prof. Tony Doyle, Prof. Abby Sorman, and Prof. Jason Young. We need three more members.

- Prof. Doyle volunteered to get in touch with Prof. Fran Scheffler of Health Sciences and to reconnect with Prof. Joanne Edey-Rhodes of Africana and Latino Studies and Prof. George Manley of English.

- Prof. Young will contact Prof. Bernadette McCauley of History and Prof. Charles Guzzetta of Social Work.

* Search for new FDA staff

Human Resources has the job description. The pay will be \$11 to \$15 an hour, depending on experience. We're looking for two people. We want people who write clearly and who can commit for more than a year. We currently have several applicants. We need one person for the morning and another for the afternoon.

* University Faculty Senate items for consideration by the FDA

- There are plans for a common course numbering system across CUNY. Students may benefit in some cases, but different campuses have different curriculums. This move could pose the danger of removing some curriculum decisions from faculty. However, it is important to note that this is just a proposal and would be implemented only after the new computer system is in place in some five to nine years.

- Increasingly Hunter's faculty is losing control of the curriculum. A case in point is courses in the Honors College.

- Faculty evaluation of administration: There are concerns about faculty anonymity. The downside is that the administration doesn't support it. The chancellor thinks that evaluation of the administration by the faculty already exists.

- There is faculty concern that CUNY is trying to water down the math requirements. Vice Chancellor Botman is worried that too many students are failing math. She wants a course that students can pass.

- Next year the FDA should have a closer relationship with the UFS. Since this is not happening in the Senate, the FDA should pick up the slack.

3. Discussion items

* Agenda for the final FDA meeting of the year, Wednesday, May 17.

- The President can't attend.

- Prof. Young will see if Provost Rabinowitz can present an academic update.

- Perhaps we could have an update on UFS business.

- Professor Sorman will offer an update on the adjunct welcome center.

- Update on FDA projects, for example, the new website that will make it easier for faculty to determine what their colleagues' research interests are.

- Professor Sorman will call Mr. Andy Silva to see if he can talk about food services on campus.

- Perhaps Prof. Guzzetta could talk about diversity.

* End of year lunch. All members of the Executive Committee, 2006-07, are invited. May 18 will be our first choice, May 24 our second.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Doyle
FDA Secretary