

FAC 10/06/2006

Present: John Beck, Jim Studer, Gwynne Ash, Ann Brook, Kathy Fite, Michelle Pope, Kelly Wilson (in place of Steve Furney), Pat Curtin and Leslie Huling (by video from Round Rock).

1. *Should we include a part-time faculty representative on FAC?*  
Gwen suggested we should include non-tenure track full-time faculty on FAC.  
Annie suggested they should get a vote on FAC.  
Michelle suggested we table this for a broader discussion at our next meeting.
2. *Minutes.*  
John Beck moved accept. Gwynne Ash seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. *John Beck reported on FAC sponsored web survey.*  
52 people voted on the constitutional amendment. Vote 52 Yes and 0 No.
4. *Website update.*  
Michelle reported on her efforts to include FAC news on College of Education website.  
Suggestion to put link under Vital Links.
5. *Promotion and tenure document update.*  
FAC workshops for faculty.  
FAC will make recommendation that departments will develop tenure and promotion guidelines that are more in line with the college guidelines. Gwynne Said we should include tenure track faculty.
6. *Formal account for FAC funds*  
Michelle reported that we now have an account and that it is separate from the College of Education accounts accessible only to FAC. Steve Gordon donated \$1000 last year to FAC and Michelle asked all of us to think about a FAC donation.
7. *University and community engagement forum.*  
Miguel will set up database of community and staff in communities. Committee agreed that he should move forward with this project.
8. *Revision of FAC meeting schedule.*  
January 19, 2007  
FAC meeting 10:30- 12:30  
The faculty lunch for new faculty will be at 12:30 at the Price Center. Michelle will find out how many new faculty the college has and volunteered to work with Steve to organize the luncheon.

9. *FAC questionnaire*

John, Moe, and Steve revised it; FAC reviewed it.  
Will vote on the 20<sup>th</sup> on revised draft.

10. *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Jo Weber, met with the committee*

How does FAC fit into the administration?

As an advisory council to the dean on par with the College Council, COE Faculty Senators, Student Advisory Council, Staff Advisory Council, COE Curriculum Committee, CIE Budget Committee.

- Michelle asked for links to the chairs on the organizational chart.

Jo said it was possible.

- Steve suggested the chair of FAC sit on the College Council.

Jo thought it was reasonable suggestion.

- Steve suggested FAC chair have release time.

Jo said needs to go to the dean, but chairs of other labor-intensive committees do not have release time. All would need it. Do comparison with other committees.

What role do faculty play in decision-making?

Jo suggested we come forward with how we can participate more in departmental and college governance and how we can improve communication in the college. Then the dean's office can see how we can accomplish these things.

- Michelle ask will the college administration listen to data-supported faculty recommendations?

Yes. Dean is very supportive of more faculty participation at the departmental level.

How can FAC help with communication in COE?

Jo suggested that we be clear and specific about what we want involvement with and communication about.