

Faculty Organization Executive Committee (FOEC)

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2009, 12:30-2:00pm, MMC 204

Attending: John Bishop (Chair), Linda Frederiksen (Recorder), Renee Hoeskel, Dick Lang, Yoshie Sano, Mark Stephan, Greg Rose, Nancy Sanders

Guest: Bob Bates, Director for Research and Graduate Education

1. Minutes of 9/18/09 approved
2. Discussion with Bob Bates, Director for Research and Graduate Education

Bob gave an update on current projects and activities in his office. In addition to providing assistance with proposals, grants and contracts, he is also planning a local grantsmanship workshop to take place this fall. Noting that the majority of campus faculty are research active, Bob discussed the need for infrastructure to strengthen Vancouver's research opportunities and support. Several issues were brought up, including the lack of doctoral students, hiring practices of grant-paid positions, the challenges of doing cross-disciplinary and collaborative work, the need for incentives as well as better and more systematic communication about faculty research areas and interests in order to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration, and the budget approval process. FOEC can help frame the conversation for their respective units by advocating for stronger budgetary support for a centralized grant /proposal administration program for Vancouver and for permanent funding for the Director for Research and Graduate Education position. FOEC also has a role in the budget approval process and can also advocate for prioritization for research support initiatives.

3. Academic and Campus Councils and Faculty Senate

John reported that Bruce has asked for a 5-year hiring plan by October 9.

Renee reported that Faculty Senate did not meet this week due to President Floyd's speech. The Steering Committee, which sets the senate agenda, has not yet met but will be meeting next week. Renee and Dave Kim are current members of the Graduate Studies Committee, which sees all proposals, courses, curriculum, and bylaws, however Renee's term is coming to an end. Bob Bates noted the importance of having two Vancouver representatives on the GSC.

Action: John will call for volunteers to serve as a Vancouver representative to the Graduate Studies Committee

4. FOEC agenda setting
 - Continue to institutionalize FOEC
 - o Review procedures
 - o Seek permanent funding for support/administrative assistance

- FOEC should seek data on rates of in all the units on the Vancouver campus and comparative data from Pullman.
- Discuss new hire processes
- Discuss director review process
- Invite ombudsman to attend
- Discuss faculty manual update and revision process
 - o propose changes to the manual where possible to reflect reality of branch campus research, promotion, tenure

Next meeting: October 16, 2009, 12:30-2:00pm, MMC 204