

Committee of Committees Meeting  
May 8, 2008  
Murray-Aikins Dining Hall  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Faculty Executive Committee is charged with convening the Committee of Committees (CoC), which comprises faculty members of the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC), the Institutional Policy and Planning Committee (IPPC), the Committee on Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (CAPT), the Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights (CAFR), the Committee on Educational Policy and Planning (CEPP), the Curriculum Committee (CC), the Faculty Development Committee (FDC), Athletic Council (AC), and any current ad hoc committees whose presence FEC believes would be helpful. The CoC convenes at least twice a year to assess the interactions among committees and between committees and the

will miss their perspectives, knowledge, and leadership. The committee was pleased that the Faculty voted unanimously to modify CEPP's membership, replacing the DOF with the Vice President for Academic Affairs. CEPP's work this semester on the UWW matter has underscored the importance of having the VPAA on CEPP: for the remainder of this year Susan Kress has attended meetings regularly at the committee's invitation and has offered invaluable insights. CEPP has also worked productively with several other administrators this semester: Registrar & Director of Institutional Research Ann Henderson, Interim Dean of Special Programs Jeff Segrave, Interim UWW Director Jim Kennelly, and Dean of Studies Michael Ennis-McMillan. CEPP's work this semester has revealed how well the Administration works together and with others.

### 3. Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights (CAFR).

*Report.* In the face of often difficult conversations, CAFR was pleased with the amicable atmosphere and responsiveness of the Administration. CAFR was engaged in discussions by email and in person on two more public issues. The first centered on the re-writing of Part 6 of the *Faculty Handbook*. The CA(f)l[1(s)1( a)6(p0.003 TCh( )]TJ11.2( 107 0 Td [(1)]TJ

that the level of sabbatical support available (by way of discretionary funds) for the next round of sabbatical applications be at a level at least equivalent to the level available for this year's applicants. Notification about the level of funding should be announced before the deadline for the next round of sabbatical proposals. Beginning academic year 2008/9, the funding allocated for the Summer Technological Grants will be folded into the general Faculty Development Grant funds. The kind of projects funded through this category may still be funded by submitting a proposal to one of the four review cycles occurring each year (two per semester). This year FDC invited Bill Tomlinson (BT, Sponsored Research Officer) to join in discussions of FDC proposals, which allows him to learn quickly about faculty projects involving research and teaching innovations. This

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*Discussion.* It was asked whether CC has any firm deadlines for instituting the writing requirement. The answer was no, the committee has received no word from the Administration; chairs should ask for clarification at the upcoming Department Chair/Program Director's retreat. In response to the notion of a subcommittee of the FYE advisory board screening FYE seminar proposals, a FEC member cited the trend (exemplified by membership on IPPC) of signing up for one committee and finding oneself on three committees.

#### 6. Institutional Policy and Planning Committee (IPPC).

*Report.* From a certain point of view this was a good year, though not all agenda items were completed. Major items this year included retiree health care, the budget, several Campus Environmental Committee issues, proposal of the IGUTF successor committee and the Responsible Citizenship Task Force, and the Student Employee Handbook. The possibility of implementing the third leg of optimization (examining the costs/benefits of increasing net fiscal enrollment by 100 students) was raised. The creation of the two new committees is controversial: on the one hand, the work is valuable, but on the other hand, there is concern about creating more committees.

#### 7. Athletic Council (AC).

*Report.* Enjoying a strong sense of *esprit de corps*, AC advanced several of its agenda items this semester and worked well with the Administration, in particular with Athletic Director Gail Cummings-Danson, Dean of Studies Michael Ennis-McMillan, and Dean of Student Affairs Pat Oles, all of whom sit on AC (Ennis-McMillan as the Dean of the Faculty's designee) and have been exemplary colleagues. Next year AC will miss Dean Oles's leadership, wisdom, and commitment to Skidmore athletics. In April, AC met with Cathy DeLorenzo from Admissions to discuss the College's athletics-related admissions policies and procedures. AC welcomed President Phil Glotzbach to its last meeting of the year so that he could respond to an AC report about the College's athletic facilities, specifically the boathouse and the stables, which are, in AC's view, in need of dramatic and urgent improvement. The meeting was collegial and productive. AC plans to have ongoing conversations about this matter and to continue to advocate for action.

#### 9. Faculty Executive Committee (FEC).

*Report.* Relations with the Administration have been productive. FEC has honored f

Restructuring Review Committee, whose report is now in the hands of CEPP. FEC and CEPP met jointly to discuss the proposal to close UWW; the two committees listened to each other's views. Unfinished issues that will involve consultation with the Administration include possible changes to the organization of Faculty Meetings and changes to the process of making revisions to the *Faculty Handbook*.

*Discussion.* A member of CAPT suggested that, now that the new governance structure