

The Faculty Executive Committee convened the Committee of Committees on December 4, 2006. We are now required to inform the faculty at large of the issues raised by the Committee of Committees (Faculty Handbook, p. 208).

At the meeting, we learned that there are concerns among any of the committees with respect to relations between them or with the administration. Some apprehension was expressed about how the current budgetary challenges will affect certain institutional initiatives but there is collective understanding about the necessary measures that need to be taken to negotiate these difficult circumstances.

We also had a conversation initiated by members of FEC about the governance system in general. Two main themes emerged. First, the challenge in getting faculty to sign up for