

**Committee of Committees Meeting
Spring 2012 Report**

CAS reports regular weekly meetings; the presence of Associate Dean Corey Freeman-Gallant

FEC reports a semester filled with some of its typical work: two spring elections and BOT observations (in May; for the February off-campus retreat, FEC reviewed the Board Book). FEC also assisted in two pilots: one for the Dean of Faculty, to help him assemble a Chairs Advisory Board that would weigh in on tenure line allocations decisions; the second was to have the FEC chair sit on IPPC, as a way of improving communication between the two committees and, thereby, strengthen FEC's role as communicator of important initiatives to the faculty. The two committees will confer on their sense of the success of this pilot and whether it should be regularized. FEC ran a special WTS on behalf of the President, to help him and the CAPT chair to assemble a DOF/VPAA Search Committee. FEC has been involved in five motions this semester: a motion concerning faculty meeting by-laws; a motion on behalf of CAS regarding their membership; a motion for CC regarding new Handbook language for the adding and eliminating of minors at the college (this has been postponed until the fall); a motion for Handbook changes, largely concerning the administrative restructuring; and the set of related motions for new Handbook language when Article X passed. We held a faculty forum on March 2. We note there was no Shared Governance meeting convened this semester (one was scheduled for March 20 but then cancelled and never rescheduled). And FEC collaborated on the developing of the new Article X, the review of Part VI of the Handbook, and the drafting of a Policy on Policies (which looks to be ready for presentation this fall). FEC was consulted on how best to proceed with (and get faculty input on) the Political Activity Policy and Business Conduct Policy. There was some preliminary conferral on the future of the Assessment Subcommittee of CEPP. All these collaborations with different committee chairs, groups, and administrators were very collegial and productive.

In conclusion, based on both this semester's and last's Committee of Committees meeting, FEC sees the academic year of 2011-2012 as a year of effective governance. Only occasionally do committees feel that consultation and work with others can slow matters down (see **). Surely this is due to very full committee agendas as well as the fact that governance is only part of our professional lives—and not the central part at that. But the atmosphere remains collegial, and committees continue to be committed to working well together.