

Faculty Executive Committee Annual Report 2011-2012

The Faculty Executive Committee reports that, in its estimation, the 2011-2012 academic year was a year of effective faculty governance. We base this assessment on our own work, our involvement in various collaborations throughout the year, our interactions with other committees and the administration, and what we have learned from the two Committee of Committees meetings this year. What follows is a report of our committee work, presented in additional detail, beginning with a quick enumeration of routine matters that FEC oversees.

Routine Matters:

--Over the summer, FEC approved the 2011-2012 Faculty Meeting schedule.* Also prior to the start of the fall semester, the FEC chair attended the New Faculty Orientation to inform faculty about service opportunities at Skidmore.

*(It was later brought to FEC's attention in the spring semester that the April faculty meeting fell on Good Friday and the beginning of

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concerns but decided to move ahead with the SRC (they have the power to form their own subcommittees).

**CIGU, another subcommittee of IPPC, took the year to reconsider its charge and membership.

**FEC dealt with the resignations of two of its own members, Reg Lilly and Ben Givan. FEC is grateful that Natalie Taylor and April Bernard stepped in to finish out these terms.

Major agenda items for the year:

--Functional, effective governance. There were two shared governance meetings at the beginning of the academic year. Those in the room—chairs of IPPC, CAPT, CEPP, CC, CAS, the Presi

FEC continues to be concerned about the proliferation of working groups and task forces in terms of faculty workload. It seems increasingly the case that these small groups that lie outside faculty