

FEC 9/20/12 minutes

(meeting held via email because 2 of the 5 FEC members had schedule conflicts)

Virtually present: April Bernard, Jörg Bibow, Barbara Black (scribe and chair), Mehmet Odekon,

V. Mehmet contacted Barbara Krause to gain clarity on the history of S/CIGU. Barb forwarded the pertinent IPPC minutes (4/4/08), which indicate that IPPC recommended that the new IPPC subcommittee be called Committee on Intercultural and Global Understanding (CIGU).

In response to Mehmet's findings, one FEC member raised the question of how best to proceed to address this naming inconsistency.

VI. April has emailed former CAFR chair Grace Burton to request a resend of (seemingly missing) CAFR annual reports from recent years as well as an updated operating code. At the time of this meeting, April had not yet heard back.

VII. Chair's report: IPPC 9/7; SDM (Self-Determined Majors) Advisory Board; advancement opportunities for NTT (non-tenure track) folks and language.

The chair reported that the IPPC 9/7 meeting was largely an introductory meeting.

The FEC chair also shared an email thread including her, the DOF/VPAA, ADOF Rubio, and Guiseppe Faustini regarding the Self-Determined Majors Advisory Board. The FEC chair expressed concern about the length of service terms on the Board; the DOF/VPAA shared this concern and the terms have been trimmed. The FEC chair also asked how programs get established at Skidmore and how advisory boards (such as the one for Gender Studies, for example) get formed. The advisory boards do not apparently fit into our governance structure. Furthermore, the DOF/VPAA responded that, according to precedent, there need not be faculty discussion or endorsement at large of either of these issues. This item seems worth returning to at our next meeting.

On 9/20, the FEC chair met with DOF/VPAA Breslin and ADOF Rubio about assembling a working group (of 4 chairs, likely from Music, Art, English, and Foreign Languages and