

FACULTY MEETING

December 4, 2009

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the faculty requests that every standing committee on which faculty serve review their function and membership to determine if they can reduce their membership by working with the Faculty Executive Committee and all relevant constituencies with the overall goal reducing number of committee spots (held by faculty and other stakeholders) by approximately 30 percent.

RATIONALE: The College now has roughly the same number of available faculty as we do standing committee spots for those faculty. The previous effort to streamline the committee system by reducing the overall number of committees led to elimination of certain committees and, in many cases, the establishment of new, parallel committees (or subcommittees) to take their place. Given the significant pressures on faculty time and the scarcity of other resources, this is an appropriate time to refocus the energy devoted to governance. In the interest of balance, wherever faculty influence is curtailed, we must also endeavor to proportionately decrease the influence of other stakeholders. The Faculty Executive Committee is the most appropriate body to lead this effort. But the decisions about which spots to eliminate must ultimately be made by particular committees themselves with the guidance of FEC and the support of the faculty writ large.