

SUMMARY OF FAC MEETING ON DECEMBER 11, 2012

1. Discussion on Items related to new curriculum proposal with Michael Lewis, John Griffin, Joel Schwartz, and Terry Meyers:

- Revisited the process by which the draft proposal for the new curriculum will be considered by the faculty in the Spring. The focus of discussion was how best to move forward with the finalization of the principles, framework, and key components of the proposal.
- With regard to the timing of special meetings, FAC decided to conduct a survey before the end of December to identify meeting time(s) that would meet the needs of all or nearly all vote-eligible faculty.
- Heard from the parliamentarian about the prohibition, by Robert's Rules of Order, of absentee voting or online voting. FAC will prepare an explanation for why the faculty, as a deliberative body, are expected to participate in the discussion and required to vote in person at the conclusion of the deliberation.
- FAC will seek faculty approval of a standing rule to allow secret ballot.
- FAC did not approve the idea of splitting the consideration of motions from votes on motions into two different meetings.
- Motions for substantial amendments will have to be submitted in writing at least a week in advance only for those meetings identified by FAC as crucial (such as the vote on the final version of the proposed curriculum prior to implementation).
- FAC also discussed the advisability of, and the procedures for, closing the meetings to outsiders.

2. FAC approved the text of a memo to the Provost and James Golden regarding faculty concerns with the ongoing deliberations on the proposed EVMS merger.

3. FAC business will be coordinated by Gul Ozyegin during Dec. 12-26, 2012.

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