

S.E.P.C.

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 1993

PRESENT: J.R. Schaap (chair), Jenny Zeuli (secretary), Matt Connors, Giles Lewey, Tina Gross, Catherine Wenglowski, Amy Huff, Krista Cook, Sandra Mendes, Jay Metz, Ian Jelineck

ABSENT: Jonas Omberg, Mellissa Feldman, Mikel Wadewitz, Mary Springer, Brian Dunn, Andromache Chalfant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15

RATIFICATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes were ratified.

END-OF-TERM EVALUATIONS:

At present, there are not enough forms in the Dean of Faculty's office for these evaluations to be conducted. New forms have been ordered, and as soon as they're in (hopefully this week) we'll do the usual pizza dinner thing for class reps in the NDR. This involves a certain amount of preparation beforehand--Division Reps should **obtain a list of all class reps** in their divisions, either through putting up a poster which the class reps would then sign, or by getting class lists from the Dean of Studies. This should be done **as soon as possible**. Once the forms are in, they need to be divided into packets and labeled. Also, **last term's evaluations will be in the SEPC office** at the beginning of this week; you must go up there and file them, or Rosie will be stuck doing it this winter, and she doesn't want to. We may be able to arrange some sort of **communal, food-oriented thing** to facilitate these two tasks--further bulletins as our fearless leader figures everything out.

ROSIE'S BUSY DAY:

Last Wednesday, Rosie attended the monthly faculty meeting, and reported that the faculty have recently begun **voting** (!). It has been a long, long, long, long time since this has occurred. Among the issues that came up for a vote was Marc Lendler's proposal for some revisions to the section of the Dean's Study concerning **presumptive tenure contract renewals** (and remember, if anybody wants a copy of the Dean's Study, see me). I'm not too clear on exactly what he wanted...it seems that he asked that, when there is a possibility that tenure will not be renewed, the faculty member in question have the opportunity to debate the matter with FPC before the decision is made. I think he also suggested that the teacher be given a different type of contract if tenure is not renewed, which was actually done last term. Anyway, this was approved by the faculty, and will thus be recommended to The Trustees. Then Phebe Chao made a recommendation that there be faculty representation on The Board (editorial aside: this seems warranted, given the unusually high degree of The Board's involvement in College affairs. This opinion is that of the secretary, and does not necessarily reflect that of the Committee as a whole.). Would this create a conflict of interest? There was a great deal of debate, the result of which was, according to Rosie, inconclusive.

After the faculty meeting, Rosie went on to Academic Council, where Neil Rappaport proposed an **interdisciplinary intro-to-computers class**. All faculty members would be trained on the computers (Macs, presumably), and then, each term, one teacher from each division would be relieved of one of their class responsibilities (ideally to be replaced by an adjunct) to participate in the teaching of this class. Hmm.... Thoughts? Opinions? Anyone? Anyone?

OUR WOULD-BE SURVEY:

Rosie reports that while she has some fairly extensive notes on the substances-academic-social life issue, she does not, as yet, feel comfortable writing a questionnaire. The degree of thought and care that must be given to the wording of these things was noted by all. Rosie will continue to work on this, and hopefully we can have a useful, comprehensive survey by the beginning of next term.

DIVISIONAL NEWS:

There was another meeting for **Science students**; Jay and Amy want to put something together for the "Symposium". **Music Division** students have been meeting as well. Ian tells us that the **Dance Division** faculty are trying to prepare something for the "Symposium" and are also wrestling with the effects of their new no-absence-from-technique-classes policy. Should students with justifiable absences be able to make classes up? **Visual Arts** is finalizing plans for their MFA program, and Neil Rappaport has apparently created a computer program that can re-create shows in Usdan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00