

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2009**

**Members Present:** Dr. Matt Franck, Dr. Kim Gainer, Dr. Chris Hermann, Dr. Gary Schirr, Dr. Laura Spielman, Dr. B. Sidney Smith

**Members Absent:** none

**Guests Present:** none

**I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

1. Dr. Hermann called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.
2. The minutes of the October 14th meeting were approved.

**II. Reports and Announcements**

1. None

**III. Old Business**

1. Members having reviewed the existing IG System discussed its shortcomings. Dr. Franck noted that he felt there was a need for a complete rethink of the system. Dr. Gainer said that the IG Doc was much too vague regarding which committees had jurisdiction over which issues. Dr. Schirr said that there should be an overview document that explains the system succinctly and clearly. Dr. Franck contributed that the English department chair was concerned about who governs the new Core Curriculum. Dr. Gainer mentioned in this connection the difficulty of amending the curriculum. Dr. Franck said that he felt the system should provide for a more appropriate level of authority over curricular decisions, to which members agreed. Dr. Franck also mentioned that some things that are in the Faculty Handbook seem like they belong in the IG Doc, and members agreed that revision must address this issue. Dr. Hermann noted that there is lots of dated language in the current IG Doc (references to the College of Arts and Sciences, etc.). Dr. Smith noted that there is a real problem with budgetary and organization transparency. Dr. Spielman noted that communication of faculty issues to the board has been a problem in the last year. Dr. Gainer emphasized that reports by the provost and others to higher administrators should be required to be in writing. Dr. Franck noted that the status of the library faculty (administrative and professional or teach and research?) should be examined.

**IV. New Business**

1. Dr. Smith agreed to draft the outline of a resolution and members agreed to think about elements of a recommendation for a process of revision. Members agreed to meet in the same place and at the same time on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Announcements**

1. None.

## **VI. Adjournment**

1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.