

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

February 1, 2012

1:00-2:30 pm, SC 137/138

Minutes prepared by FA Secretary Rebecca Root

1. Motion to accept the minutes for the December 7, 2011 Faculty Assembly.
Seconded, approved.

2. FA President Morley's Report

Pres. Morley announced the basic agenda for

Questions were raised from the floor about communications with the administration, including President Mercer's rationale for not having a faculty member attend the meetings of the President's Cabinet. Pres. Morley responded that the FAEC did emphasize to the cabinet the need for improved communication, including periodic

yet know how many of those units will be needed to house students in the Fall. Another question raised was whether the empty housing reflects student response to restrictions on cars on campus. Provost Barnett noted that a recent survey indicated that students are more concerned about financial considerations and the restrictive alcohol policy. In response to a question about whether the cost of housing might be lowered, Provost Barnett said that will be determined as part of the upcoming budget.

4. ARC Report (Prof. Ed Shannon)

He reminded us to use the ARC syllabus template with an outcomes matrix, CEC, etc. The deadline for course proposals and revisions is October 15, but please submit them as soon as they are prepared.

5. Report from Jason Hecht on the new Faculty Budget Committee

At last FA, we voted overwhelmingly to create this new committee. Jason is chair. Reads the charge based on the motion approved but refined since. Include language here. Question from the floor about whether they will have access to all the necessary data. Pres Mercer has said Maria Krupin the accounting office will make available any needed data.

6. Report from the Faculty Representatives of the Strategic Planning Task Force (Prof. Steve Rice)

The faculty representatives to the Strategic Planning Task Force are Steve Rice (SSAIS), Caroline Brisson (TAS), Ann LePore (CA), Lysandra Perez-Strumolo (SSHS), Emma Rainforth (At Large), Ruma Sen (Diversity Action Committee), Rita Shea Van Fossen (ASB), and Madel Tisi (Library). That is 8 out of 25 members, so a significant increase in the size of the faculty voice in this process over last time. The SPTF has had two meetings and will continue to meet weekly throughout the semester.

The last Strategic Plan (SP) was developed in 2007 and is available at <http://www.ramapo.edu/president/stratplan.html>

Prof. Rice noted that the previous SP lacked measurable goals. The SP guides much of the college's decision-making, program creation, and resource allocation, so it is important to make this one a meaningful reflection of how we see our institution and of our vision for the future of the college.

The Task Force seeks input from the full faculty. Part of the Feb 8 Faculty Conference will be dedicated to discussion of the college mission and the vision that should guide the new SP. To prepare for that meeting, he asked that faculty read the current mission

Several questions were raised from the floor about whether the SPTF will examine whether the goals and priorities set in the last SP were met. Prof. Rice responded that yes, they will, though definitive answers are difficult because many of these were not stated in

10. Announcements

Prof. Paula Straile-Costa of the Diversity Action Committee reminded us that the Diversity Convocation is next Wed, Feb 8 3-5:30 in Sharp Theater. The speaker is Pernessa Seele, a community activist and founder of Balm in Gilead, an NGO that addresses health in the African diaspora. At 11am that day there will be a luncheon for