

Minutes of MFC Meeting
November 10, 2015

Members present: Mary Lovely, Peter Castro, Azra Hromadzic, Sarah Pralle, Bob Murrett, Craige Champion, Mike Wasylenko

1. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from the MFC meetings on September 29th and October 27th were adopted, as written.

2. Dean Search Committee

Nominations for the Dean's search committee have been provided to the Vice Chancellor and Provost. The nominations will be taken into account, as part of a faculty-driven process that will continue to play out.

3. Senior Associate Dean Report

Mike Wasylenko provided an update on filling staff positions at Maxwell, as applications for the slots close next week. He mentioned that there will likely be backfilling/rearranging based on departures and internal applications. The process is expected to be complete by the end of the Fall term.

4. Professor of Practice and Teaching Professor Status Review

The Faculty Council discussed the previous report from the Academic Affairs Committee on PoP's and Teaching Professors. There was a sense that while University-wide policies and procedures varied widely, that Maxwell was already very close to compliance with the recommendations in the AAC document. Concerns were voiced regarding overall percentages of PoP, teaching loads, research fund allocation and gender composition.

5. Open Faculty Meeting in the Spring

The Faculty Council will hold an open meeting of the Maxwell faculty in the spring, which will include discussion of a Maxwell "SWOT" (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis (per minutes from October 27 meeting). The council will engage with Dean Steinberg at the December MFC meeting regarding the agenda, with the intent to schedule the open session February.

6. Student Concerns

Bob Murrett will contact Mark Rupert and discuss previous work done on behalf of Maxwell students, and report back to the MFC at the December meeting.

7. SU-AAUP Salary Report(“ Z Report”)

Concern was voiced that the AAUP Syracuse University Annual Z Report on Faculty Salaries was overdue, and that the MFC needed access to the report to address gender and other issues. Sarah Pralle will provide a draft resolution for review, to prompt release of the report to the Faculty.

8. Eggers Cafeteria

There was a sense that the quality of food and beverages in the Eggers Cafeteria could be improved, dramatically. Mike Wasylenko mentioned that the issue had been addressed in the past, without any meaningful response from the University-wide food service vendor.