

**Report of the Presiding Officer
For the April 27, 2012 Meeting of the Faculty Assembly**

April 29, 2012

Around 80 to 90 members of the Faculty Assembly attended the meeting. Turnout fell short of a quorum of the Faculty Assembly, which would have required the attendance of 129 members. Under the Senate's Constitution, the lack of a quorum means that the assembly cannot pass any resolutions in the name of the faculty. Any resolutions would have to be sent through the Credentials and Elections Committee.

The meeting, however, made no resolutions. Discussion (recorded in forthcoming minutes) reflected a continuing frustration about the way in which the structure for revising the core was imposed, some concern about the work of the various committees charged with the revision, and a desire for a more faculty driven process. But the meeting's participants made no call for direct action on these matters. Rather a majority of members present passed two motions recommending that the Senate take steps to:

1. Reconstitute the General Education Committee with elected, tenured members of the Faculty Assembly by September 2012; and
2. Replace the current chair of the Core Oversight Taskforce (Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Studies) with a tenured member of the Faculty Assembly

I am charged with taking these matters forward, and I have placed them on the Faculty Senate's Agenda for its May 1, 2012 meeting.

Thank You,
Austin Allen