

Resolution

On Electronic Communication in Campus Governance

Proposed for consideration by the Faculty Senate

Whereas The Faculty Senate of the College at Old Westbury is considering a “Faculty Culture Resolution” (dated 12/6/13) that includes in its first point of resolution that the faculty shall, through their expertise, experience, mentorship and by shouldering an equitable share of the burdens of those responsibilities, specifically model and instantiate behaviors that support and strengthen faculty governance;

AND

Whereas the work of governance, like other business, requires that information and actions be requested with reasonable confidence of reply;

AND

Whereas electronic communication, particularly in the form of “e-mail” is normative or nearly so in offices of all sorts in this country;

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Whereas the College at Old Westbury has recently implemented a serviceable e-mail interface;

AND

Whereas the typical schedules, of faculty and administration at the College make it difficult or impossible to meet face to face for all the business that is necessary for the work of governance;

THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved that faculty, administration and staff accept as normative that a request sent by campus e-mail for information or for action pertaining to governance receive a response within a reasonable length of time; for example, five working days;

AND BE IT

Resolved that this norm be understood to include the workings of departments, schools, and the administration responsible for oversight of the College as a whole, so that those making this commitment include faculty, departments, deans, administration and support staff, when in communication with one another.

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