Attendees: Denise Bruesewitz, Michael Burke, Paul Greenwood, Adam Howard, Sandy Maisel, Lisa McDaniels, Andy McGadney, Betty Sasaki and Stewart Stokes

Chair Maisel opened the meeting at 8:40am

Minutes were approved from the January 22, 2015 meeting of TFOSG.

It was moved and approved to post all minutes from the meetings of the TFOSG for faculty viewing on the Provost’s web page.

Stewart Stokes shared a list of all of the board and college committees at Colby along with the corresponding numbers of participants: faculty, students and others. This list helped to provide context for our on-going discussion around areas of responsibility, authority and influence. In addition to the committee document, Stewart shared information compiled from other NESCAC coaches regarding faculty rank, voting rights and responsibilities related to service on college committees.

The committee picked up our discussion around the primary areas of responsibilities for faculty and the additional areas for which faculty should have appropriate oversight/authority at the college. Questions arose about the differences between authority versus responsibility, how faculty expertise can enhance the various departments across campus and how can the various roles under discussion be strengthened. A wide ranging discussion continued, in particular around the type of structure needed for effective governance and the best way to disseminate information.

Additional items/points for consideration:
  • Faculty are responsible for admission at Bates
  • Committees for various departments should be chaired by faculty
  • Create a standing item at the faculty meeting to allow reports from various committees and allow for questions from those minutes
  • Every committee name should be changed to avoid confusion of purpose
  • Continue to define the role that faculty should play
  • What is the role of the faculty rep to the board and the connection back to the faculty?

**Action Items:**
  • Upload documents shared by Stewart Stokes onto our shared Google drive
  • Upload Minutes from 1st meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am