Executive Committee Minutes – 10/22/12

Present: Jeanne Penvenne, Richard Eichenberg, James Ennis, Thomas Downes, Karen Panetta

Absent: Steven Hirsch

1) Approved minutes.

2) Meeting with department chairs
   - Reviewed purpose of that meeting – alternative to attending the meeting of the chairs with the deans, opportunity to communicate our role. Discussed our availability.
   - Discussed general feeling that we need to make our role more prominent – meeting with chairs a start. Other possible actions are a discussion of our role at a faculty meeting and a plan to have committees make regular short reports at faculty meetings.
   - Considered if have a meeting with department chairs is worthwhile – General feeling was yes. Will want to be transparent about purpose of meeting and will need to apprise deans of that purpose.

3) Discussed Tenure and Promotion Committee (T&P) issue

4) EthicsPoint anonymous reporting – How does this link to role of Grievance Committee? Probably separate since EthicsPoint is mainly about misuse of funds. Will ask Grievance if they are aware of EthicsPoint and, if so, if they are comfortable with the presence of EthicsPoint. Looks as if EthicsPoint is mainly a front-end for collecting information.