Hugh Roberts (History), who had contacted the Executive Committee regarding the creation of a task force on AS&E faculty governance, had been invited to the meeting, but declined since the AAUP has taken up the issue and it is on the agenda for the March 11 A&S faculty meeting.

Other than the athletic director and GSAS, there is no word on the status of the Provost’s other reorganization proposals. The School of Engineering is revisiting the idea of having its own tenure process separate from A&S, but it remains to be seen how that will turn out.

The idea of online voting has come up repeatedly this semester, including a pending request from EPC to hold such a vote on their proposals for a new system for accounting for course credits. The Committee discussed how to proceed. There is general agreement that online balloting raises many issues, and the Executive Committee should not take on the authority to conduct such votes without explicit approval from the faculty, either for a specific vote or for a more general policy and procedure. This could be a good topic for the Faculty Forum scheduled for April 22, perhaps as part of a broader conversation about faculty governance.