Discussion Topics

I. Reports on the Trustees’ Meeting

II. New Committee to Discuss All-University Governance

III. Faculty Awareness of Significant Changes

IV. Report on the Provost’s Reorganization Plan

Members present: Christiane Zehl Romero, Fulton Gonzalez, Alva Couch, Judith Haber and Roger Tobin

I. REPORTS ON THE TRUSTEES’ MEETING

There were brief reports on the Nov. 7 Trustees’ Meeting from the faculty representatives to the various committees: Academic Affairs (Haber), Administration and Finance (Gonzalez) and Advancement (Tobin).

II. NEW COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ALL-UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

The Provost has convened a multi-school committee to discuss possible mechanisms for All-University Governance. Either Christiane or Fulton will attend the next meeting.

III. FACULTY AWARENESS OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

There was discussion of how to ensure that the faculty are aware of potentially significant changes (such as the changes to health care options, or to the Tufts day care center) earlier, before decisions are made. One possibility is to ask the President and Provost at agenda-setting meetings to share any relevant issues that are under consideration, even if they’re not yet ready for public discussion.

IV. REPORT ON THE PROVOST’S REORGANIZATION PLAN

We discussed our promised progress report on the Provost’s reorganization plan, scheduled for the Dec. 3 AS&E meeting. We agreed to ask the chairs of the relevant committees for brief written reports by Mon. Nov. 24, and to be prepared to report very briefly at the Dec. 3 meeting.