

Report from the Faculty Governance Committee
For the May 9, 2024 Faculty Meeting

Mirābile vīsū! “Wondrous to see!” *Mirābile dictū!* “Wondrous to say!”

My Latin 112 students have now reached Chapter 38 and have learned that the supine can be combined with the neuter adjective *mirābile* to specify in what respect something is “amazing” or “remarkable.” As I write this last report for 2023-24, what I find most *mirābile vīsū* (“wondrous to see”) is how many steps forward, both large and small, we have been able to make in shared governance, thanks to everyone’s enthusiasm and support. I am especially grateful to all of my brilliant, dedicated, and ever-cheerful colleagues on FGC, who have been a true delight to work with, and have been so kind and merciful to their ancient, and often clueless, chair!

We began the year by asking the faculty to approve the addition of a single adverb (“typically”) to allow flexibility in the title of Special Appointments. Since then, our resolutions have grown in the complexity of their syntax, but, *mirābile dictū* (“wondrous to say”), all ten have met with your approval. At the Faculty Meeting on May 9, we will be proposing two more resolutions, bringing us to an even dozen for the year.

FGC Resolution 23/24-11 – To Clarify Policy Regarding Renewal of Term Appointments

The Faculty Governance Committee moves to clarify the number of years for which a Term position may be ultimately renewed.

FGC Resolution 23/24-12 – To Change the Date for Submission of Tenure and Promotion Dossiers to Associate Deans

The Faculty Governance Committee moves to change the date that tenure and promotion candidates’ dossiers are submitted to the appropriate Associate Deans from December 1 to November 25.

Resolution 23/24-11, which proposes tweaks in the language in one section of the *Faculty Manual*, is intended merely to clarify, not to change, the college’s policy regarding the renewal of full-time Term appointments. Much hard work has gone into crafting exactly the right language, and there has been excellent collaboration between Provost Sortor and FGC’s Appointments and Promotions Subcommittee.

Resolution 23/24-12 is something new and exciting for FGC: a change of date rather than a change of word! We hope that all of you will be as happy with the somewhat earlier due date as the Associate Deans are.

As always, I encourage you to read the rationales as carefully as time allows.

While finishing up the May elections, FGC will also be collecting your input on our grand experiment with a Faculty Chairperson *pro tempore*. We plan to meet on Reading Day to discuss whither we go from here with shared governance and to reflect more on the establishment of an Academic Freedom Council.

Thank you, everyone, for all that you have contributed to the success of FGC this past year. Faculty collegiality at its best is indeed wondrous, both to see and to say!

Sincerely,

Anne H. Groton, FGC Chair