Faculty Forum Notes
Forums held 9/22/10 and 9/29/10
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September 1 Faculty Meeting notes were submitted earlier, but to say it again:
A motion was brought by Leo Sandy for a faculty resolution that the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights be displayed in a conspicuous place on campus such as the
HUB or the proposed site of the Peace Garden adjacent to the Counseling Center. There
was discussion about this before it passed with some nays.

Pat Cantor received the Excellence in Faculty Service Award and Naomi Kline received
the Award for Distinguished Scholarship.

A Faculty Forum on Collective Bargaining was held 9/22. All handouts (such as an
“AAUP Faculty Collective Bargaining Fact Sheet” and a one-page anti-union opinion
from Duncan McDougall) as well as an audio recording (!) of the faculty forum can be
found at the following link:
http://www.plymouth.edu/committee/faculty/1895/faculty-forum-about-collective-
bargaining-september-22-2010/

There was also a Faculty Forum to discuss college reorganization that was held on
9/29. Next year PSU will subdivide the remaining academic departments into the
College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Education, Health and Human Services.
Search committees for two deans of the colleges-to-be are being formed now, with the
goal of selecting the deans from inside the institution by the end of this semester, so that
they can be part of the early decision-making during the spring semester, their
replacements can be hired during the spring. They would assume their new duties
fulltime next fall.

Notes (but no audio recording) from this forum can found at
http://www.plymouth.edu/committee/faculty/1891/faculty-forum-to-discuss-college-
reorganization-wednesday-september-29/
The “Draft of Dean job descriptions for review” also has an organizational chart at the
end of that document that shows which departments are going into which college.

On the agenda for today’s faculty meeting October 6, 2010 are a report from student
Nate Obin on a proposed Upward Bound Program, and a motion from the Frost School
Council to approve (lengthy!) policies and procedures for planning and conducting
distance learning at PSU. Stay tuned for next month’s report!

--Kit Otto, 10/6/10