Voice Implementation Committee
Report
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The ECAC was charged by Faculty Council to form a group to integrate and cost out the recommendations of the Faculty Voice Task Force Groups. This task is to be accomplished within three months following the Task Force 1 report. ECAC formed the Voice Implementation Committee (VIC) at a meeting on May 2, 2006. The members included those current ECAC members and members for 2006-07 that could meet during the summer months.

The first meeting of the VIC took place on May 12, 2006 and Harold Hughes was elected chairperson. A number of meetings occurred during the summer and the following is a brief report of the status of VIC deliberations.

Task Force 1 – Structure of Academic Governance
Task Force 1 has completed a first draft of their report which is to be taken to the group for discussion. When the group completes a final report, it will be sent to VIC for further discussion and deliberation.

Task Force 2 – Faculty Review of Administrators
The recommendations for Task Force 2 are ready in concept for discussion. Several issues that need further discussion and deliberation include the need for a new standing committee and the inherent costs.

Task Force 3 – Program Review
The recommendations for Task Force 3 are ready in concept for further discussion and deliberations. One of the issues to be addressed is the need for a new standing committee.

Task Force 4 – Communication and Transparency of Governance
The recommendations for Task Force 4 need additional deliberation and discussion by VIC. VIC is to report to ECAC as soon as possible but not later than Fall semester. One of the issues to be addressed, but not limited to, is the projected cost.

Task Force 5 – Fixed Term Faculty
The recommendations for Task Force 5 are ready in concept for deliberation and discussion. Several issues that need to be addressed include the definition of eligibility, what committees should or should not include fixed term faculty or whether this decision should be left to Colleges for determination.