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## General Faculty Council

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### Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Newcomb Hall, Board Room

Present: R. Carter, P. Froggett, A. Ingram, B. Kessler, A. Laushway, C. Leslie, T. Lockard, B. Nowviskie, R. Patterson, G. Saathoff, J. Sitler, M. Slon, C. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order, and individuals present introduced themselves.
2. The December meeting minutes were approved as amended.
3. Diversity Council – Aaron Laushway discussed activities surrounding an extended Martin Luther King Jr. celebration that included Harry Belefonte at the Paramount on January 24. This year, there was a special tribute to Henry Martin, who was born into slavery, and was the bell-ringer at UVA's Rotunda for 53 years. There would be a celebration at the Rotunda (see website – [www.virginia.edu/mlk/](http://www.virginia.edu/mlk/)). Aaron Laushway shared a MLK quote that was blanketing the grounds and encouraged the Council to distribute it however they could in any way possible.
4. Policy Committee – No Report
5. Communications Committee – Aaron Laushway reported progress on the Strine/Simon event, and with consensus from the Council it was scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 at 3pm. The Kaleidoscope at Newcomb Hall has been reserved for the event, but Aaron was going to also look into the Commons at Garrett Hall as a potential venue. Plans were made to get a save-the-date to all general faculty and to ask for suggested questions in advance to be asked by the event moderator.
6. Elections Report – Jeff Sitler reported on behalf of Butch Jefferson. There are nine positions to be filled in the next election. (3 at-large, 2 Administration, 1 Arts & Sciences, 1 Health Care, 1 Professional Schools, and 1 Student Affairs. Peter Norton, Barbara Millar, and Aaron Laushway are not eligible for re-election because all three are completing their second three-year term. Penny Bowles does not want to run for re-election. Ryan Carter, Jeff Sitler, Anne Ingram, and Catherine Leslie have agreed to run for re-election. It was noted that Pam McIntyre expressed willingness to run again.

## The Process:

- 1) Butch Jefferson will send out an email to the General Faculty stating what positions are available. This email will go out this week.
- 2) Identified Council members will send emails to the areas that they represent seven days after the first email is sent announcing the election (3<sup>rd</sup> week in January – on schedule)
- 3) Nominations will be due mid-February.
- 4) The ballot will be put together the last week of February.
- 5) Elections will occur the first week in March. This is the week when the announcement goes out.

Discussion ensued regarding recommended language of the emails. All Council members running for re-election must send their resumes to Butch Jefferson.

7. Data Management – No Report, Ricky Patterson Chair
8. Bylaws – Colleen Smith, Chair. This time was spent discussing revisions to the Bylaws. Bylaw changes would focus on changing the Definition of the Council Year (V) from April to June. This would allow the Council to invite elected Council members to the may meeting for orientation focusing on committee reports, and in June they could feel knowledgeable about which committee they want to staff, and be a part of the officer election process. Other changes to the Bylaws included language to include electronic voting.

## New Business:

Barbara Kessler shared the draft of the 2012 Faculty Senate survey with the Council and she agreed to send to all members for review. The first draft of the survey asked general faculty to categorize themselves as administration or professional faculty. Barbara requested that these 2 categories be combined as GF make no distinction. There were also several questions about the classroom experience and Barbara requested that they add a “Does not apply” response to the survey for those of us who don’t teach. It is unclear whether the survey includes Professional Research Staff and Barbara agreed to ask. Half the questions are the same as the 2007 survey. It contains 25% new questions, 50% for benchmarking purposes, 25% of the questions discuss workload. The survey captures fall of 2011.