

**Minutes from the General Faculty Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**  
**12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Newcomb Hall, Room 481**

Representatives Present: Casandra Blessingame (by proxy), Penny Bowles, Ryan Carter, Anne Ingram, Denise Karaoli, Barbara Kessler, Catherine Leslie, Teresa Lockard, Pam McIntyre, Barbara Millar, Peter Norton, Bethany Nowviskie, Ricky Patterson, Kathryn Reid, Wendy Sue Sewack (by proxy), Jeff Sitler, Colleen Smith, Steven Lewis Warner

Representatives Absent: Addeane Caelleigh, Aaron Laushway, Michael C. Smith

Guests: Angela Davis, Patty Froggett, Pam Higgins, Butch Jefferson, Pam Roland, Sarah Wilcox Elliott

**Preliminaries**

**1. 12:00 Gathering of Member**

**2. 12:10 Call to Order**

**3. Presentations**

Barbara Millar introduced Angela Davis and Pam Higgins who introduced President Sullivan's Inauguration Week and Day of Caring. Pam Higgins presented an overview of the activities surrounding the events. The event schedule run from Wednesday, April 13 until Sunday, April 17. Activities include a Pan-University Poster Competition, the Installation Ceremony on the lawn followed by a reception, and on Saturday there is the Cavaliers Care – Day of Service and an Inaugural Walk, which is a family oriented 5k and 10k walk/run that is sanctioned through the campus. The course opens at 9 with walkers starting at 1 and closing at 4. It is non-competitive, free and everything can be seen on the inauguration website at [www.virginia.edu/inauguration](http://www.virginia.edu/inauguration). The website will go live on February 15 and at that time everyone can sign up for various activities. By signing up, the event planners can manage head counts. It is suggested that everyone reviews this inaugural website.

Cavaliers Care: A Day of Service is building on the tradition established at UVa. Sponsored by UVAClubs since 2001. UVa alumni and parents engage in service efforts in cities around the world. We are harnessing that energy and doing some things to celebrate that inauguration. On April 16 there will be an increase in participation for the day of service with faculty staff and students working in tandem on various projects that everyone initiated with groups of volunteers. We can go online to choose a project, or you can create a project and a team will be matched to work

on that project. If anyone has a group of family or friends that would like to work together they can sign up for a project. Go online to see what projects are available. There is a kickoff breakfast on the 16<sup>th</sup> at student activities that will be mainly the students and greek community. After working on the service projects there will be a luncheon from 12 noon until 2:00 at Observatory Hill field to celebrate everyone's accomplishments. This is about understanding the meaning of service and giving back to the community. There is a discreet committee working on building projects with agencies.

[www.virginia.edu/inauguration](http://www.virginia.edu/inauguration)

Other ways to contribute – Reading project with church, doesn't have to be a get dirty project. Blue Ridge energy food bank will have barrels at student activities building for drop off of canned goods.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

- Data Management – Ricky Patterson, Chair  
Ricky stated there was a problem with the list of constituents – we are missing some classified as faculty wage because this is a problem every year. Some lecturers are listed as faculty wage. This was realized because of trying to drum up Arts and Sciences people to run. Ricky is working on correcting this problem. He will reopen the conversation with Susan Carkeek and others.

Barbara Millar thanked Ricky for directing everyone to the GFC website to identify and make corrections.

- Elections – Jeff Sittler, Chair  
Jeff reviewed GFC election list. Arts and Sciences are the only ones not represented. Peter Norton explained how he was able to get volunteers. It was also noted that by looking at who guests were in minutes is a good way to identify people to be nominees. We will wait a few more days to see who else comes in, then solicit a statement from them for the election process.
- Communications Terry Lockard, Chair  
Terry updated the group on the GFC-sponsored event featuring President Sullivan. The tentative date is Tuesday, May 17, a week before graduation. We are looking for a good location so the planning can continue. It will be a late afternoon event with brief remarks from the President, followed up by a meet and greet cocktail party. Suggestions were made on location, including the Small Special Collections in the Albert Small Library, the Colonnade Hotel, Alumni Hall, Bavarro Hall and Old Cabell. There was interest in exploring the

South Lawn spaces, including the Claude Moore Medical Education building, just behind the Health Sciences Library. Parking could be accommodated at the School of Nursing. The event will probably be scheduled for 4:00 until 5:30 or 6:00, with remarks at 4:30. It was mentioned that this idea was not moving forward until Terry Lockard and Aaron Laushway salvaged it.

- Policy – Peter Norton, Chair  
Peter reviewed policy proposals from Bob Bloodgood with the policy committee reviews. He noted that Bob Bloodgood is very attentive and responsive to GFC comments. At this time they are reviewing a Student Academic Grievance policy. Peter polled all members to see if there were other agenda items for the policy committee. Peter also told the group that Bill Keene is stepping down from the Faculty Senate because his term is over.

## **5. New Business**

- Virginia Retirement System Resolution - Barbara Millar sent the Virginia Retirement System Resolution endorsement prepared by the Provost Employee Council (PEC) forward with the proposed changes. She has not heard anything back from President Sullivan as of yet.
- Diversity Council – The February meeting was cancelled so Barbara Millar will give a report at the March meeting.
- Green the University – Jeff Sitler discussed this program and the sustainability partners committee that President John Casteen initiated to look at the sustainability issues at UVa. Jeff has been involved in this through a Communications subgroup. Ida Lee Wooten leads this Communications Committee subgroup. He distributed a flyer and asked the GFC to post the flyer on lunchroom bulletin boards where it can be seen. It is a good opportunity for people to get involved in sustainability. Steve Warner noted that he knows of someone working on sustainability in theater and perhaps he can help with this. Andrew Green is heading up this effort. He has conducted a survey and is compiling a report that will make recommendations on how UVa can reduce electricity usage as much as 30-40 percent. He is putting it into its final form and it should be made available within two to three months.
- General Faculty Spotlight – Steve Warner raised the fact that we need to keep sending him “Faculty in the Spotlight” suggestions.

## **6. 1:25 Adjournment**

Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Location: Newcomb Hall, Room 481. Note the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled for April 20, 2011.