

Minutes from the General Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Newcomb Hall Room 481

Representatives Present – Anne Ingram, Barbara Kessler, Terry Lockard, Peter Norton, Ricky Patterson (Chair), Jeff Sitler, Michael Smith

Representatives Absent – Otilie Austin, Beth Blanton-Kent, Penny Bowles, Ryan Carter, David Glover, Aaron Laushway, Catherine Leslie, Pam MacIntyre, Barbara Millar, Marshall Pattie, Ellen Ramsey, Wendy Sue Sewack, Colleen Smith, Steve Warner

Guests – Susan Carkeek, Michael Slon

Preliminaries

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

2. 12:30 **Call to Order and Introductions**

Ricky Patterson, Chair, welcomed the members and guests. Everyone introduced themselves.

Business

3. 12:30 **Administrative and Professional Faculty Update**

The last meeting of the administrative and professional faculty sub-committee was cancelled due to weather, so there was nothing to report from the group.

Susan Carkeek reported that University staff were represented by Employee Councils. Contrary to some reports (and memories), even the highest levels of University staff will be represented by Employee Council.

Susan Carkeek provided information regarding general faculty moving to University staff: For the 2008 election period (the first enrollment), there were a total of 96 enrollees of which 13 were A&P faculty. In the 2009 election period, there were a total of 156 enrollees, of which 37 were A&P faculty. Combining the two, there have been 252 enrollees of which 50 are A&P faculty. Approximately 800 A&P faculty were invited to switch. As A&P faculty positions are vacated they will be replaced with University staff, so that number will decline over time. The Deans, Associate deans with academic responsibilities, librarians, and center directors in traditionally academic areas will remain general faculty. There are between 100 and 200 people in these categories.

School Bylaws and P&T Guidelines

The Faculty Senate Task Force on the University's Policy for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty states that non-tenure-track faculty are full citizens of departments and should be treated as such. The provost distributed the report to Dean's asking them to abide by the recommendation in the report.

At last month's meeting, Peter asked that school representatives look at their bylaws and P&T guidelines to determine if they are in line with the recommendations of the Faculty Senate Task Force on the University's Policy for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty.

The bylaws and P&T Guidelines for the College of Arts and Sciences and the Engineering School have been examined. Those for the College appear to be consistent with the recommendations of the Faculty Senate Task Force on the University's Policy for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty. Those from the School of Engineering contained some provisions that were unusual and not consistent. The Council discussed the specific issues included in the Engineering documents. These inconsistencies have been brought to the attention of the dean of the Engineering School and the Chair of the School P&T Committee. It was suggested that the GFC members representing the School of Engineering and the Chair of the GFC should meet with the Faculty Council of the School. Peter Norton (Engineering School representative) agreed to create a write-up describing the issues and the desired changes for review with the Michael Smith (Engineering School representative). Once finalized, a meeting will be scheduled.

Committees

4. 12:45 **Committee Reports**

- Bylaws (Wendy Sue Sewack) – No report.

- Communications (Terry Lockard) – No report
- Policy (Peter Norton) – No report.
- Data Management (David Glover) – The GFC mailing list was updated for recent changes.
- Elections (Ellen Ramsey) – The Committee is still looking for candidates to fill vacant positions. Voting is scheduled for March. Jeff Sitler will become the Chair of the Elections Committee after this year's elections are completed.
- Senate Council Joint Committee – No report.

5. 1:00 **Adjournment**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2010, Newcomb 481 at noon.