General Faculty Council

Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Newcomb Hall Room 481

Present: B. Kessler, K. Reid, P. Bowles, A. Caelleigh, P. Froggett, A. Ingram, A. Laushway, C. Leslie, R. Patterson, G. Saathoff, J. Sitler, M. Slon, C. Smith, P. MacIntyre

1. The meeting was called to order by Barbara Kessler. A quorum was established.

Business

2. The minutes of the February meeting will be approved at the April meeting pending clarification of the report on the Expectation of Continued Employment discussion.

Committees

- 3. Committee reports
 - Bylaws Colleen Smith: The proposed bylaws changes are complete and will be included with the ballot during the election next week.
 - Elections: Once a personal statement is received from one of the candidates, all will be set for the elections to go forward next week.
 - Policy: The March 14 email from Peter Norton regarding the adjunct faculty policy was discussed. Continuing and professional Studies already uses adjunct faculty, as does the School of nursing. Questions center on why it is necessary to create another class of faculty, and who will provide advocacy for this group (Faculty Senate and/or GFC). There were also questions about benefits.
 - Communications Aaron Laushway: The Provost and Chief Operating Officer are no longer able to provide the spring GFC session at the Batten School. The communications committee is seeking alternative plans. Kathryn Reid will ask Dean Fontaine about the possibility of a presentation focusing on Health Work Environments.
 - Data Management Ricky Patterson: No report.

New Business

Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2012