

Minutes from the General Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2007
Newcomb 481

Present

Dawn Anderson, Otilie Austin, Beth Blanton-Kent, Virginia Carter, Jean Collier, Phil Gates, James Groves, Robin Kuzen, Aaron Laushway, Teresa Lockard, Pam MacIntyre, Barbara Millar, Jennie Moody, Peter Norton, Ricky Patterson, James Marshall Pattie, Ellen Ramsey, David Wolcott

Absent

David Glover, Kevin King

Visitors

Dahlia French, Iva Gillet, Susan Chisholm

Introduction and Welcome

12:00 **Gathering of Members**

1. 12:10 **Call to Order**

- Peter Norton called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

2. 12:15 **Chair's Report**

- On April 18 Peter attended the Faculty Senate/GFC Joint Committee to discuss faculty titles.
- On May 2, Peter attended the Faculty Senate meeting to familiarize himself with the Faculty Senate and reported that his experience was positive and looked forward to attending future meetings.
- On May 8, Peter and Ricardo Padrón (incoming Chair of Faculty Senate) met with the Provost's Employee Communication Council. He reported that he was extremely encouraged about future collaborations between the GFC and the Employee Council. He will be meeting with Ricardo Padrón informally on May 17, in part to foster a relationship between the GFC and the Faculty Senate.
- Peter noted that the email listserve needs to be updated. Jennie said she could update it.
- Peter scheduled the annual May end-of-year GFC luncheon for Thursday, May 24, at 12:00 noon at the Boar's Head Inn. Pam MacIntyre offered to secure the reservation and take reservations from members via email.

Old Business

3. 12:25 **Finalizing Committee Assignments**

- Peter formalized GFC Committee meetings. He requested that all members join a committee. Chairs of each committee turned in a list of their committee members (see end of agenda for committee assignments).

New Business

4. 12:35 Elections of 2007-2008 Officers
 - Secretary — Aaron Lauschway nominated Teresa Lockard. Teresa agreed to serve as the Secretary. Members unanimously approved the nomination.
 - Chair Elect—Peter Norton nominated Dawn Anderson. Barbara Millar and Phil Gates offered their encouragement. Dawn agreed to serve as the Chair Elect. Members unanimously approved the nomination.

Elections for GFC Representation on University-Related Committees

 - Faculty Senate Research Committee
 - Barbara Millar nominated Ricky Patterson. Ricky agreed to serve. Members unanimously approved the nomination.
 - Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
 - Barbara Millar nominated Jennie Moody. Ellen Ramsey nominated Otilie Austin. Jennie Moody declined so that she could serve on the Faculty Senate/GFC Joint Committee. Otilie agreed to serve. Members unanimously approved the nomination.
 - Faculty Senate/General Faculty Council Joint Committee
 - Barbara Millar nominated Jennie Moody. Jennie agreed to serve. Members unanimously approved the nomination.
 - Phil Gates nominated Aaron Lauschway. Aaron agreed to serve. Members approved the nomination.
 - Virginia Carter will continue to serve as Chair of this committee.
 - Diversity Council
 - Jean Collier provided a history of this Council. Jean agreed to continue to serve on this Council. Members supported Jean's request serve on this Council.
5. 1:00 Update on Diversity Council
 - Jean Collier distributed the Office of Diversity and Equity annual report. She reported that she attended a dinner where she had an opportunity to mention the GFC.
6. 1:05 Update on Faculty Titles
 - Peter reported that the Faculty Senate tabled this issue until next academic calendar. Peter reported that he distributed the GFC statement position on faculty titles to Ken Schwartz (Faculty Senate Chair), who forwarded it to Gene Block. Members of the GFC asked Peter to send a copy to the incoming Provost, Tim Garson, and to invite Mr. Garson to an upcoming GFC meeting in an effort to create a positive relationship. Members suggested that this might give him an opportunity to comment on his vision as it relates to the GFC and possibly include a discussion about the faculty title issue.

Committees

7. 1:08 Committee Reports
- Communications Committee
 - Comments on the May 1 Council-Sponsored Professional Development event. Barbara Millar (Chair) commented on the GFC sponsored Professional Development event on May 1. She noted that attendees responded positively to the event, and 68 general faculty attended. Barbara reported that Jean Collier distributed the feedback to the gen-fac listserve on May 9 for members to review. Barbara raised the question of whether the GFC should continue to provide professional development opportunities. She noted that such opportunities raise the visibility of the GFC. Ellen Ramsey noted that the GFC should continue to sponsor similar professional development opportunities. The Communications Committee will meet on May 22, 2007, to discuss future professional development events.
 - Ellen Ramsey offered to take photos of new GFC members and update the website to include them.
 - No additional reports.
- 1:09 Executive Committee
- Peter announced that he will schedule the next Executive Meeting will be schedule via email.
- 1:10 Adjournment
- Peter announced that the next GFC meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. in Newcomb 481.

2007-2008 GFC Committee Assignments

Communications Committee

Barbara Millar (Chair)
Dawn Anderson
Elizabeth Blanton-Kent
Jean Collier
Aaron Laushway
Terry Lockard

Elections Committee

Robin Kuzen (Chair)
Pam MacIntyre
Ellen Ramsey

Policy Committee

Jennie Moody (Chair)
Otilie Austin
David Glover
Kevin King

Lotta Lofgren (ex-officio)
Dahlia French (ex-officio)
Bill Keene (ex-officio)

Data Management Committee

David Wolcott (Chair)
James Grove
Ricky Patterson

By-Laws Committee

Phil Gates (Chair)
James Marshall Pattie