

Minutes from the General Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2009
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
McCue Center

Representatives Present – Anne Ingram, Kelly Jordan, Terry Lockard, Pam MacIntyre, Barbara Millar, Ricky Patterson (Chair), Marshall Pattie, Ellen Ramsey

Representatives Absent – Otilie Austin, Beth Blanton-Kent, Penny Bowles, Ryan Carter, David Glover, Barbara Kessler, Aaron Laushway, Peter Norton, Jeff Sitler, Colleen Smith, Michael Smith, Steve Warner

Guests – Wendy Sue Sewack

Preliminaries

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

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

Ricky Patterson, Chair, welcomed the members and guests.

Business

3. 12:30 **Other Business**

- Election Results:
 - The changes to the GFC bylaws were approved with a vote of 90 for and 3 against.
 - Catherine Leslie (Health Professionals) and Wendy Sue Sewack (Athletics) were elected to the GFC to fill positions being vacated. Congratulations and welcome to Catherine and Wendy Sue.
 - There was concern from the Elections Committee about the low turnout for the health Professional representative vote.
- Barbara Millar asked whether the GFC ever sends condolences to the family when a general faculty member passes. The Council has not. That led to a discussion of what recognition is given to general faculty for years of service, for major awards or career milestones. A number of ideas were provided. A subset of the Communications Committee agreed to develop a recognition program to present at the September meeting.
- Pam MacIntyre provided a report on the budget. There is approximately \$370 in the account now. The GFC receives \$2,500 each year from the President's Office, so at the start of the fiscal year, we will have a budget of \$2,870. In previous years nearly \$1,250 was spent providing lunch for the GFC meeting. This seemed like a lot and there was discussion of using those funds for the proposed recognition program. **The Council decided NOT to provide lunch at the September meeting.** The issue of lunches will be discussed as part of the GF recognition plan.
- The Council decided to have a Face Book page.

Committees

4. 1:15 **Committee Reports**

- Bylaws (Kelly Jordan) – The changes were approved in the recent election.
- Communications (Terry Lockard) –The Communications Committee is looking for professional development topics for next year. Suggested was: Negotiating with Sharon Hostler: Having difficult discussions; big picture overview of the new performance system.
- Policy (Peter Norton) – No report.
- Data Management () – No report
- Elections (Ellen Ramsey) – No additional report.
- Senate Council Joint Committee – No report.

5. 1:30 **Adjournment**

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2009, Newcomb 481 at noon. **Lunch will NOT be provided.**