

**Minutes from the General Faculty Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2006**

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**Present:**

Dawn Anderson, Kay Buchanan, Jean Collier, Phil Gates, Kevin King, Robin Kuzen, Aaron Laushway, Lotta Lofgren, Barbara Millar, Peter Norton, Eleanor Wilson (Chair), John Wilson

**Absent:**

Mark Althoff, Jennie Moody, Virginia Carter, James Groves, Breyette Lorntz, Pam Macintyre, Dawn Rigney, Mark Ross

**Visitors:**

Daisy Lovelace, Leslie Ann Pitard, Jeremy John

**1. Call to Order:**

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**2. Welcome to members and visitors:**

Ellie welcomed committee members and visitors.

**3. Secretary's Report:**

Kay suggested reviewing pictures on the website. Ellie thanked Kay for her work on the website.

**4. Chair's Report:**

• **Jeremy John: Blood Drive**

Jeremy John, a visitor from the Inter-Fraternity Council, spoke about a blood drive for Virginia Blood Services and wanted feedback about how to encourage UVa. faculty to participate in the blood drive. Several members asked about accessibility and how to get the word out. Ellie will send out the blurb to the GF member list serve.

• **Update on Diversity Commission: Daisy Lundy-Lovelace**

- Ellie discussed a report about racial and ethnic makeup of tenure-track faculty.
- Daisy Lundy arrived at 12:40 p.m. to discuss the U.Va. Symposium on Race and Society: In Katrina's Wake: Racial Implications of the New Orleans Disaster in November. Daisy spoke about how the GFC can partner with Bill Harvey's office and become involved. She discussed future themes.
  - Daisy discussed the nature of the symposium as an academic conference and the controversy around the cost of the conference.
  - Daisy and Ellie discussed how GFC could contribute funds to enable several general faculty to attend; in turn, these faculty would volunteer in various ways (e.g. moderate a session).
  - Ellie opened up the floor for discussion.
    - Phil motioned that \$2,250 (that is, 30 registration slots) be dedicated to GF volunteers to attend the conference. Kay seconded the motion.

- Leslie Ann Pittard mentioned that arts and sciences faculty are not on the program. Phil inquired about athletics being on the program.
- Ellie confirmed that the conference program will include a ½ page ad in the conference program. Daisy agreed.
- Ellie will send out the solicitation on the GF list serve and she will work with Jean on creating the text and the Communications Committee will work on and approve the ad for the conference program.

- **Positions to be filled on the Council**

- Ellie will be on Leave in England from January through July and will not be able to serve as GFC chair for the spring 2007.
- Ellie noted that Virginia Carter has stepped down as chair elect. Thus, both chair and chair elect are open positions on the Council.
- Discussion ensued about how to fill the positions.
- Lotta nominated Jennie Moody as chair elect and chair for January 2007 to April 2007 and Peter Norton as chair elect January 2007, chair in May 2007-May 2008.
- Robin Kuzen seconded the motion.
- GFC members graciously thanked them for stepping into these GFC leadership positions.
- Later Phil noted the significant role that former chairs play in helping incoming chair and chair elect.

- **Policy**

- Ellie noted the correspondence with Gene Block.

- **Faculty Senate Meetings**

- Ellie announced that Ken Schwartz, chair of Faculty Senate, will attend the November meeting to discuss areas of overlap and how to open lines of communication.

#### 4. **Old Business:**

- **Committee Reports**

- *Policy:* Lotta Lofgren reported that the General Faculty policy documents on the Provost's Office website are correct. Yet she reported that GFC is not completely informed about the policies. The issue still remains about posting and vetting and lack of involvement of GFC.
- *Elections:* Robin Kuzen passed out handout that focused on two issues: how to increase the number of candidates running for GFC, and how to increase the diversity of the GFC. Her report follows:
  - We developed two basic strategies for recruiting more candidates for Council membership. First, we thought a messenger mail letter from Chair Ellie Wilson to all general faculty with the new brochure enclosed could outline Council activities, explain why we need their support, and invite them to the October meeting. This would be an inexpensive way of contacting all general faculty. Second, we would like to recommend that each Council member take responsibility for inviting a member of the general faculty to each of our meetings to learn more about the GFC. If necessary, we can work with the data management committee to target names of general faculty in different areas.

- The issue of diversity is more difficult and we have not yet come up with any strategies to address it. We would welcome any thoughts Council members may have about this issue as well as recruitment for Council membership. We are certain that our constituency is probably more diverse than the tenure track faculty but we are also sensitive to the fact that we cannot achieve diversity just on the surface; the GFC needs to show a deep commitment to this issue and it will require a lot of careful thought.
- *Communications*- Barbara Millar outlined the progress that the committee has made. She proposed the following: GFC print an annual report and send to every GF member; develop a free professional development opportunity offered at lunch time; In Spring 2007, each GFC member would call ten people in their constituency to interview them about GFC and their needs related to GFC.
- *Bylaws*: No report.
- *Data Management*: Ellie concerned about list updated.
- *Professional Development*: No report. See Communications report.

**5. New Business: None**

**6. Meeting Adjourned**

Ellie adjourned meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Anderson, Secretary, General Faculty Council.