

Minutes from the General Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 13, 2010
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.
Rodham Conference Room

Representatives Present: Casandra Blassingame, Ryan Carter, Denise Karaoli, Catherine Leslie, Barbara Millar (Chair), Peter Norton
Bethany Nowviskie, Kathryn Reid, Jeff Sitler, Steven Lewis Warner

Representatives Absent: Teresa Lockhard (Chair Elect), Penny Bowles, Addeane Caelleigh, Anne Ingram, Barbara Kessler, Aaron Laushway, Pam MacIntyre, Wendy Sue Sewack, Michael C. Smith

Guests: Wraeglen Williams

Preliminaries

1. 12:00 Gathering of Members

2. 12:10 Call to Order

3. 12:10 Committee Reports

- Policy – Peter Norton, Chair
Peter commented that the policy committee depends on the input of the GFC to determine areas of interest. That proves that the GFC is part of the process. Peter described the process.
President Sullivan visited the Engineering faculty and Peter raised the issue of the uneven application of the Faculty Senate Task Force on Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Report. This report was written for the academic faculty, but some of the points apply to professional faculty. There is not an equivalent report for professional faculty and there is no plan for one because of restructuring. Discussion ensued about how other departments view this issue.
- Communications – Steve Warner/Aaron Laushway Co-Chairs
Steve described the progress of “General Faculty in the Spotlight”. The first general faculty in the spotlight will be modeled after *UVa Today* and will be part of the announcement for the November GFC meeting. Many thanks to Kathryn Reid for finding the first person to be featured. Steve looks forward to the next profile which will likely come from the library.
Steve reported that he met with Beth Blanton-Kent on Monday. She is going to teach Steve how to be the Webmaster.
Steve reported that a Meet President Sullivan event is being pursued as a professional development activity for the fall.
- Data Management – Ricky Patterson, Chair

Ricky continues to purge the mailing list, responding to those who want to be taken off the list. Discussion ensued about removing people from the GFC list if they move to University staff. It was noted that University staff cannot participate in elections.

- Bylaws – Wendy Sue Sewack, Chair
Nothing to report.
- Elections – Jeff Sitler, Chair
Jeff has not worked on the election process yet but will finalize the election process for the November meeting.

4. New Business

Ricky Patterson stated that he is still serving on the restructuring committee for research staff. He discussed the progress of that committee.

Barbara Millar opened discussion regarding the priorities of President Sullivan and what might be changing at UVa as a result. Discussion ensued about this topic.

It was noted that Aetna would be the new insurance provider for UVa. It appears changes will be minimal and information will be distributed in the coming days.

Barbara invited everyone to submit agenda items for the next meeting.

Steve noted that Beth Blanton Kent has been the Webmaster for a long time and has continued to do the job beyond her tenure as a GFC member. He called for a volunteer to replace her.

5. 12:55 Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2010
Location: Newcomb Hall, Room 481