**General Faculty Council**

**University of Virginia**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

**12:30 – 1:30 pm**

**Zoom**

**Council Members in Attendance:** Derick Williams, Julie May, Chris Mazurek, Chris Gist, Keith Weimer, Ibby Roberts, Sharon Kelley, Zaida Villanueva Garcia, Meredith Hayden, Amanda Flora, Diane Whaley, Bryn Seabrook, Laura Serbulea, Yuri Urbanovich, Ed Murphy, Janet Warren.

Visiting: Judy Thomas, University Libraries

**I. Call to Order/ Introduction and Welcome:** Derick Williams, Chair

**II. Approve Minutes – April 8, 2020**

Minutes approved.

**III. Committee Reports**

A. Bylaws: Chair indicates that they will go forward with elections

B. Elections – Chair indicated that they have the current roster of general faculty. We only have one candidate for each slot and none for Athletics. The committee suggests that it changes that to an At-Large seat permanently and have one of the two A&S candidates run for that seat. We can do this according to the GFC by-laws. The committee voted to make the Athletics designation is now an At-Large spot.

C. Data Management – Chair obtained an updated list of general faculty (+2100) members and their classifications and organized them according to our categories. Things to consider: updating email lists, considering who gets to vote for which areas, and reevaluating the GFC’s representation model?

D. Communications – Nothing to report.

E. Policy –The Chair indicated that the policies GFC considered will be put forth to the Faculty Senate.

**IV. Updates and Announcements**

GCF Chair spoke briefly on moving the date for promotion. One member commented on the email from Provost McGill and is hopeful that GFC can continue to work on these issues.

Should GFC know where the Provost stands on this issue? Should we communicate this to all general faculty? The Provost’s email only went to the committee. One feels that it is our obligation to share the email with the rest of general faculty. The GFC chair will ask her first before we distribute anything. One member mentioned that some deans stated that tenure-track and general faculty be treated the same in terms of the extended timeline. One member also requested that GFC make available the various promotion policies (also available on the Provost’s website).

The GFC chair discussed the Chair’s Summit and their offer to assist the University committee looking at what the fall semester will look like.

**V. Committee Chair Assignments**

**GFC Chair:** Derick elected again to continue as Chair for one more year.

**GFC Chair Elect**: Joe Fore as Chair-elect (2021-22). Committee elected Joe as Chair Elect (contingent on his approval)

**GFC Past Chair**: Keith Weimer as Past Chair for one more year.

**Secretary**: Julie May nominated and elected as Secretary for the next year.

***Treasurer: This is an appointment, not an elected position. We will Joe Fore if he would like to continue as Treasurer.***

**Communications:** Diane Whaley nominated and elected as Chair of the Communications Committee.

***Policy: Joe Fore nominated as Policy Chair (to keep continuity of GFC Chair Elect chairing this committee) Hold to ask Joe.***

**Elections:** Ed Murphy nominated as Chair of the Election Committee (contingent on his election to GFC).

**By-laws**: Ibby Roberts indicated that she will continue as Chair of the By-law Committee (contingent on her election to GFC)

**Data Management**: Chris Mazurek indicated he would continue as Chair of the Data Management Committee.

GFC chair then indicated that committees need to be formed. We will visit that later this summer.

**VII. UVA Diversity Council**

Moving forward on initiative.

**VIII. Mentoring Network**

Committee will continue to work on mentoring video.

**Last note:**

GFC Chair indicated that the committee has decided to wait to send the letter about the University teaching awards. Perhaps GFC can send the letter mid-July or mid-August after the dust settles over the spring semester and a decision is made about the fall

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Location: TBA