

Minutes from the General Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2009
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Newcomb Hall, Room 481

Representatives Present – Dawn Anderson (Chair), Otilie Austin, Penny Bowles, Ryan Carter, David Glover, Anne Ingram, Kelly Jordan, Barbara Kessler, Aaron Laushway, Terry Lockard, Pam MacIntyre, Barbara Millar, Peter Norton, Ricky Patterson, Jeffrey Sitler, Colleen Smith, Lynda White for Beth Blanton-Kent

Representatives Absent – Philip Balestrieri, Beth Blanton-Kent, Marshall Pattie, Ellen Ramsey, Steve Warner

Guests – Kelly Brinier, Craig Decker, Gina Donato, Susan Carkeek

Preliminaries

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

2. 12:05 **Call to Order**

Dawn Anderson, Chair, welcomed the members and guests.

Business

3. 12:05 **Diversity Council, March Meeting (Dawn Anderson)**

Gowher Rizvi, the Vice Provost for International Programs presented at the March meeting of the Diversity Council. He provided an overview of the Echol's Scholars program and their efforts to increase diversity within the program.

4. 12:18 **Election of new Officers**

Ricky Patterson, the Chair-elect was nominated for the position of Chair and was unanimously elected. Dawn Anderson turned the meeting over to the new Chair. Barbara Millar was nominated for Chair-elect by Aaron Laushway. Jeff Sitler seconded the nomination and Barbara was unanimously elected. Colleen Smith was nominated by Dawn Anderson for Secretary. Peter Norton seconded and she was elected unanimously.

A brief description of each GFC committee was given and chairs for each committee were appointed. Terry Lockard was reappointed as chair of the Communications Committee. Kelly Jordan was appointed chair of the Bylaws Committee. David Glover was appointed to chair the Data Management Committee. Ellen Ramsey was appointed to chair the Elections Committee and Peter Norton was appointed as chair of the Policy Committee. At the May meeting, all GFC members will be asked to select a committee on which to serve.

5. 12:30 **Other Business**

- Elections are needed to fill Philip Balestrieri's position and to approve the revised bylaws.
- The annual luncheon will be held at the Boar's Head Inn on Wednesday, May 20.
- Based on a poll of the members, the GFC meetings will continue to be on the second Wednesday of each month. The location of every other meeting will rotate in order to attract new guests. The remaining meetings will still be held in Newcomb Hall. Some possible locations include Zehmer Hall, the Darden School, the AFC and the School of Nursing or Health Sciences Library. The June meeting will be held at the McCue Center. In September, we will meet in Newcomb Hall.
- Pam MacIntyre was appointed as the person to monitor and report on the Council finances. The GFC receives \$2,500 each year from the President's Office. For the past couple of years, we have spent about \$1,000. Most of our expenses are related to the lunches for meetings and for the professional development events. We have not reprinted our brochure which is generally a large annual expense. The GFC decided to create an annual budget.

Committees

6. 12:50 **Committee Reports**

- Bylaws – No report
- Communications (Terry Lockard) –The Communications Committee’s second professional development event was held on March 13, 2009 featuring Karin Bonding from the Commerce School. Nearly 100 people attended the event which was a huge success. The Council discussed the publicity for the event. One of the meeting guests didn’t receive the notice.
- Policy (Peter Norton) – The Faculty Senate is meeting today to discuss termination of non-tenure track faculty. The final report by the Faculty Senate Task Force on Non-Tenure-Track Faculty is complete and has been submitted to Tim Garson. The Provost has not yet responded to it. The report has not been circulated. Once it is publically available, it will be sent to the Council.
- Data Management (Ricky Patterson) – No report. Ricky Patterson will look into the issue of the guest who didn’t receive the invitation to the professional development event.
- Elections – No report.
- Senate Council Joint Committee – Barbara Millar asked if this committee was active. If so, she volunteered to serve on it. Peter Norton reported that it had not been active this year. A question was raised about GFC representation to the Academic Affairs and Research sub-committees of the Faculty Senate. At one time, the Council had a representative on each of these critically important sub-committees. Barbara Millar volunteered to be the Council representative to the Academic Affairs sub-committee. Ricky Patterson agreed to look into the issue.

6. 1:30 **Adjournment**

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Harrison Institute-Small Special Collections Library, Byrd/Morris Room