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 – Ottilie 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:
     o The changes to the GFC bylaws were approved with a vote of 90 for and 3 against.
     o 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.
     o 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.