Minutes
GSU University Senate, Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting
15 November 2012 | 1:00 p.m. | 718 GCB

Members Present
Lynda Brown-Wright  Maria Gindhart  Cherian Thachenkary
David Cheshier     Lynda Goodfellow  Walt Thompson
Irene Duhaime      Jennifer Jones   Marta White
Shelby Frost       Peter Lindsay    Russel White
MaryAnne Gaunt     Peter Lyons      
Gerald Gay         Marian Meyers   

Members Absent
Peggy Albers       Laura Fredrick   Jerry Rackliffe
Annette Butler     Mark Geil        Wayne Reed
Lisa Casanova      Hugh Hudson      Roy Sobelson
Conrad Ciccotello  Nancy Kropf     Walt Thompson
Harry Dangel       Linda Nelson     Dan Weiskopf
Cheryl Delk-LeGood Risa Palm         
Valerie Fennell    Joe Perry        

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by the committee chair, David Cheshier. Minutes from the August 29, 2012 meeting were approved.

Peter Lyors updated the committee on the implementation of the faculty Digital Measures system, and provided further information relating to the forthcoming SACS review.

An extensive discussion centered on the ongoing implementation of administrative reviews. A motion is under review in Statutes and Bylaws that would push back the first review for a given administrator to either late in their third year of service or to the fourth year. When that motion has been handled, it will come to Faculty Affairs for consideration. Concerns were expressed about the fact that the issue was being deliberated in Statutes and Bylaws (as opposed to originating in Faculty Affairs), that the published review cycle appears to have been changed preemptively to reflect a potential schedule change that has not yet been approved by either FAC or the full University Senate, and that the process for administrative review lacks transparency.

The committee will take up recommendations of two Ad Hoc committees when they are available. One relates to modification of the Faculty Handbook; the other relates to adoption of a promotion manual for non-tenure track faculty.

The committee deliberated the draft Graduate Faculty Policy, which was developed by an Ad Hoc committee chaired by Michelle Brattnain and has already been approved by the Committee on Academic Programs. After a wide-ranging discussion, the committee unanimously approved the motion without modification or amendment.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and accepted by acclamation at 2:45 PM.