

June 4, 2003 Minutes of the General Faculty Committee Meeting

Meeting Attendance: Al Hunter, Jack Doppelt, Alice Eagly, Bill Halperin, Hamlin Jennings, Ilya Kutik, Deborah Lucas, Eva Redei, Marion Ruggero, Bob Ten Eick, Bruce Wessels

1. Minutes

Will be approved at a later date

2. Committee Reports

The GFC will need to generate a Final GFC report for the fiscal year. Each committee chair was asked to write the accomplishments made this year.

Athletics report: A meeting was held with the Board of Trustees discussing the pursuit of the NCAA issue. This issue is beginning to move forward and the GFC should be involved. Several conferences are already involved.

Budget Sub Committee Report: The budget committee is progressing nicely. A meeting with Eugene Sunshine is scheduled to take place. Debbie Lucas and Bruce Wessels will attend the meeting and will bring to discussion two main topics. The first involves a plan of action to involve the GFC in the budgetary process. The second topic is to get familiarized with the timing of the budgetary process.

Kathleen Hagerty will be joining Deborah Lucas on the Budget Committee.

Benefits Sub Committee: A voluntary benefit plan, available through MetLife and Liberty Mutual, is currently in the works, which will offer NU faculty and Alumni a 10% discount on homeowners insurance and car insurance. Both companies are very competitive so prices should be good. Liberty Mutual has the added benefit of monthly payroll deductions without interest. This company is already working with the Alumni Association and is considered a very good company. GFC consensus is that this is a great benefit to pursue. This is a great tool that can be used for recruitment and retaining NU faculty. The Benefits committee will convene to decide which company is the best one to go with.

Negotiations for psychiatrist coverage, eye care, eyewear, and contraceptives will be underway mid to late August. Please give Bob Ten Eick and relevant feedback.

Research Sub committee: Eva Redei announced that there are still major issues related to research. The issue is not really the treatment of animals as much as it is the procedures and the reconciling which are in question. The committee will pursue a letter which would voice all the relevant concerns.

3. Update and final comments from chair

Next year, the GFC will invite the new Athletics Director as well as the new Research Director as guest speakers.

Faculty Club: The administration is taking this topic very seriously and has given a positive and quick response to pursuing the faculty club. A meeting will be held to discuss a site for the club and there are a continuing set of meeting to come regarding club details.

Al Hunter officially passed along the Chair title to Bruce Wessels.

4. Dinner

Minutes Submitted By:

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