

October 1, 2003 Minutes of the General Faculty Committee Meeting

Members In attendance: Sonny Cytrynbaum, Bill Gradishar, Hamlin Jennings, Deborah Lucas, Eva Redei, Mario Ruggero, , Sigmund Weitzman , Bruce Wessels, Judith Willoughby

1. Welcome and Introductions

GFC chair, Bruce Wessels, began the meeting by welcoming all members.

2. Scheduling Meetings

Bruce Wessels informed members of upcoming scheduled meetings. He gave brief details for each of the following meetings:

- GFC – Monthly meetings – first Wed of each month (except in Jan. on 7th)
- Trustees - Dec. 6, 2003 9:00-1:00 Norris Center
- Executive Committee – Administration Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003 3:30-5 in Rebecca Crown Conference Room
- Fall Faculty Senate Meeting. Thursday, Nov 20th from 3-5 Hardin Hall

3. Appointments to Committees

The chair requested each member to join committees.

4. Issues/Reports

a. Subcommittee Chairs – Strategic Issues

Budget and Policy subcommittee chair, Deborah Lucas, gave a brief update of active items and forthcoming topics. The administration has agreed to allow direct participation in the University budgetary process through meeting with the administration budget committee. The GFC subcommittee will work with the administration to discuss the specific process. The GFC will present committee originated funding priorities to the administration budget committee. Bruce asked Deborah Lucas to devise a plan which would enable the GFC budget committee to work with the administration budget committee. The GFC Budget and Policy subcommittee is charged with generating a list of GFC priorities to present to the administration. Deborah Lucas' subcommittee will be involved in the administration's discussion of a new accounting system to replace CUFS.

Educational Affairs subcommittee chair, Mario Ruggero, gave a brief update of items in the works and forthcoming topics. This subcommittee plans to explore the university's student body in relation to the type of student NU is looking for and what is expected of them. Academic integrity remains an issue and will be potentially reviewed. Issues surrounding CTECs will also be addressed. The committee would also like to pursue the issue of contingent faculty not having representation as this group is increasing.

Eva Redei, chair of the *Research Affairs subcommittee*, has put together a list of long term strategic issues. One issue includes defining exactly what the University is responsible for when they sign on to a grant. The committee will also look into the issue of compliance, funding and space. The Vice president of research would like to meet with the chair of the Research Affairs committee to discuss these and other issues.

As chair of the *Faculty Development subcommittee*, Hamlin Jennings announced that the main goal of this committee is to find the best ways for faculty members to thrive at the university. The sub-committee will tackle issues such as recruiting, leave policies and other relevant topics.

b. October 7 meeting with administration

All subcommittee chairs are expected to attend the October 7th meeting. Topics to be discussed include research compliance and funding, budget process involvement, dialogue on CUFS redesign, and issues of faculty governance.

c. Topics/Themes for Trustee Meeting 12/06/03

Bruce Wessels has generated a list of topics for this meeting. Committee members are requested to provide other topics to be discussed at the November GFC meeting.

d. University Budget Committee Meeting December TBA

Subcommittees should develop their funding priorities to present at the December budget meeting. The GFC Budget Committee has the responsibility of collecting input from the other sub-committees. Discussion will begin at the November 5th GFC meeting.

e. Council on Institutional Cooperation

GFC Chair, Bruce Wessels, will travel to Ohio State University to meet with the Council on Institutional Cooperation to discuss the COIA framework document on intercollegiate athletics. The COIA document is on the GFC website.

f. Guest Speakers

GFC members should email Bruce Wessels with suggestions for guests who should be invited to speak at the GFC monthly meeting. Several suggestions were made. .

5. New Business

a. At Large Election

Nominees for the three vacant at-large GFC positions were selected from the different schools. Election will be held in two weeks.

b. Nominations for University Vision-Updating Committee (Handout)

Bruce Wessels has already begun soliciting nominees to serve on the University Vision-Updating Committee at the request of the provost's office. This committee will bare the responsibility of updating the University strategic plan. GFC members should also make nominations directly to the Provost.

Conclusion of meeting:

Active GFC subcommittees include Benefits, Budget and Policy, Educational Affairs, Faculty Development/Minority Affairs, and Research affairs.

Judith Willoughby has agreed to join the Faculty Development/Minority Affairs subcommittee. Sonny Cytrynbaum has agreed to join the Educational Affairs subcommittee. Sigmund Weitzman agreed to join the Research sub-committee. Bill Gradishar agreed to join the Faculty Development sub-committee.

The next GFC meeting will be held on November 5, 2003 at 7:00 pm in Scott Hall room 201 (the Ripton Room)

Minutes Submitted by:

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