

GENERAL FACULTY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 03, 2009

Members In attendance: Chair Laurie Zoloth, Vice Chair Stephen Eisenman, Paul Arntson, Alan Buchman, Jack Doppelt, John Elson, Anupam Garg, Joshua Hauser, Donna Jurdy, Andrew Koppelman, Ferdinando Mussa-Ivaldi, Alan Sahakian, Babette Sanders, Helen Thompson

Introduction: GFC Chair Laurie Zoloth called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

1. Approval of minutes of May 6, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously and will be posted to the GFC website.

2. Election of GFC chair-elect

Prior to the June GFC meeting, William Ocasio formally accepted the nomination to serve as Chair-elect of the General Faculty Committee for FY2009-10. GFC members unanimously voted in favor of his appointment and his subsequent position as chair during the 2010-11 school year.

3. Special tribute to exiting GFC members

John Elson and Donna Jurdy have successfully completed their General Faculty Committee membership commitments. Laurie Zoloth honored both by publicly thanking them and also highlighting their accomplishments and many contributions.

4. Strategy for membership vacancies

Laurie Zoloth presented strategies for filling the FY2009-10 GFC membership vacancies, strongly recommending incoming GFC Chair Stephen Eisenman to direct SESP and WCAS to run an election as soon as possible. Additionally, GFC members discussed the details of the 1939 GFC Charter, in which the GFC is charged with running an election to fill all at-large membership positions.

5. GFC Communications

The GFC plans to send out an important Ombudsman letter to President Bienen. After the letter was read out loud, GFC members discussed changes and additions.

6. Review of survey and reflections on Harvard FSM survey

General Faculty members reviewed the results of the Harvard FSM survey and discussed the significance of the findings including, but not limited to, childcare, faculty salaries, benefits and job satisfaction. Additionally, the survey results identified childcare as an important area of development. Andrew Koppelman has agreed to head the Childcare initiative and serve as sub-committee chair for FY2009-10.

7. GFC meeting with President Schapiro July 21st

Laurie Zoloth announced the scheduled GFC Executive Committee meeting with incoming President Dr. Schapiro taking place on July 21, 2009. Additional meeting details will be sent via email as more information becomes available. Laurie Zoloth talked about the GFC's goals for the meeting and challenged GFC members to suggest agenda topics. Preliminary meeting discussion items suggested includes: faculty governance, the ombudsman program, childcare, and crediting the AAUP survey results for triggering the childcare initiative.

8. Dates set for next year

Laurie Zoloth went over important GFC dates for FY2009-10 and asked members to mark all meeting dates, but also challenged everyone to commit to attending each meeting.

Conclusion

- The first GFC meeting of FY2009-10 will be held on October 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Scott Hall room 201 (the Ripton Room).
- Anupam Garg has agreed to chair the Benefits sub-committee for FY2009-10.
- Andrew Koppelman has agreed to chair the Childcare sub-committee for FY2009-10.
- Stephen Eisenman will replace Laurie Zoloth as GFC Chair for FY2009-10, but Laurie plans to dedicate her continued service for an additional year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25pm

Minutes Submitted by: Diana Snyder

Minutes Approved by: General Faculty Committee member