

November 6, 2002 Minutes of the General Faculty Committee Meeting

Members In attendance: Al Hunter, Eva Redei, Bruce wessels, Alice Eagly, Mario Ruggero, Dan Garrison, Al Farbman, Sonny Cytrynbaum, Bill Halperin, Hamlin Jennings, William Gradishar, Clayton Peimer, Robert Ten Eick, Diana Snyder

1. Themes for Dec. 7 Trustee Meeting

~ *Probe feelings of the Trustees regarding CIC Athletic issue* (possibility of dropping out of the Big 10). Several GFC members pointed out that the International perception of NU's academics is negative due to the stress placed on athletics.

~ *Follow-up between Trustees and Administration after meeting.*

~ *Tight management of meeting and topics.*

~ *Engaging Students in the meeting is crucial.*

Thoughts and suggestions

Be passionate (or find passionate people to attend).....Topics should be presented to the Trustees as issues of quality of life at the university. The real costs of not going forward with childcare, athletics, etc., should be made clear.

Subcommittee volunteers will draft themes for the Trustee Meeting by Monday November 11. These volunteers include Dan Garrison, Eva Redei, Al Hunter and Clayton Peimer.

Al Hunter will get together with a few members to discuss the Athletic issue, focusing on whether the issue should be presented or how the issue should be presented.

2. Review of Oct. 29 meeting with Central Administration

CIC came up for discussion at the meeting but attendees were fairly dismissive of this topic.

GFC member brought up the point that although Athletics are commercialized, how else can we pay for the athletic department?

Thoughts and suggestions

Should the University bother with Athletics if we are losing money?

Al Hunter will make a draft of the October 30 Senate Meeting

3. Upcoming Senate Meeting

The next Senate Meeting will be on Tuesday December 3rd at 3:30-5:00pm in the McCormick Tribune Forum on the Evanston Campus.

CIC will be on the Senate Meeting Agenda, so GFC members were encouraged to invite various people, who have strong views similar to that of the GFC on this issue, to attend this meeting. Caution does need to be exercised so that the GFC is not viewed as hating sports. The issue needs to be brought up in light of the fact that the university is shifting structurally away from athletics. Childcare, Contraceptives (Viagra), parking issue (rate increase on the Chicago campus and petition challenging the allocation of space for student parking) and Honorary Degrees are some of the other topics also to be discussed.

Thoughts and suggestions

The format of the meeting allows for motions to be made by anyone on the floor. There will be a numbered list with a point person for each issue.

4. Old Business

1. Child Care:

Alice Eagly gave a brief synopsis of the childcare issue. She indicated that NU is still behind when compared to other universities. The recommendations of the hand-picked committee (made up of non-activist members and chosen by the Administration) were not met. One of the remaining issues is that the suggested Evanston Campus location is the YMCA, which is at least one mile from the University. This location is not feasible because it is not within walking distance.

Thoughts and suggestions

Recruitment is hindered by not having on-campus childcare. How do we move them (Dumas and Bienen) to see that this issue has not yet been resolved?

5. New Business

1. Trustee Meeting Invitees:

A list of names of faculty to attend the Trustee Meeting will need to be generated. Al Hunter will get a statement of protocol from Marilyn regarding last year's invitations.

2. Quality of Life: Living in or near Evanston

Poor recruitment in the Engineering department prompted Hamlin Jennings to suggest that new faculty recruiting packages be enhanced to include home buying assistance. Since Evanston is a very expensive place to live, this initiative will help new faculty (especially young new faculty) interface with the town of Evanston.

3. Absence of Faculty Club:

Al Hunter strongly believes that the University is in need of a *faculty club* where faculty could convene formally and informally, creating and encouraging interaction. The administration's only role will be to create a meeting place for this *faculty club*.

4. Benefits:

Contraceptive discrimination will need to be addressed.

Conclusion of meeting:

The next GFC meeting will be held on December 4, 2002 at 7:00 pm in Scott Hall room 201 (the Ripton Room)