

June 7, 2006 Minutes of the General Faculty Committee Meeting

Members In attendance:

Thomas Bauman, Paul Arntson, Bala Balachandran, Clarke Caywood, Dennis Chong, Sudhakar Deshmukh, John Elson, Abraham Haddad, James Kjelland, Teepu Siddique, Robin Steinhorn

1. Approval of May 3, 2006 minutes

The minutes of the May 3, 2006 GFC meeting were approved by all GFC members present, with one minor change.

2. Election of Vice Chair of the GFC for 2006-07

John Elson accepted the nomination to serve as Vice Chair of the General Faculty Committee for the upcoming FY2006-07.

4. Faculty Senate Meetings

GFC members discussed the effectiveness of the Faculty Senate and ways to improve attendance. There was a general consensus that future agenda items should consist of more interesting topics, relevant to the faculty body.

3. Increasing Awareness amongst Faculty about Erosion of Academic Freedoms

Teepu Siddique led a discussion on the erosions of academic freedoms and raised the issue of whether academic freedom is absolute or relative.

In Conclusion:

The first GFC meeting of FY2006-07 will be held on October 4, 2006 at 7:00 pm in Scott Hall room 201 (the Ripton Room).

Paul Arntson will serve as the GFC chair for FY2006-07.

Minutes Submitted by: Diana Snyder