

GENERAL FACULTY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2010

Members In attendance: Chair Stephen Eisenman, Paul Arntson, Joshua Hauser, Ferdinando Mussa-Ivaldi, Babette Sanders, Helen Thompson, Sylvia Wang, Laurie Zoloth

1. Greetings and Introduction: GFC Chair Stephen Eisenman called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

2. Report from each GFC Member Regarding Status of Vacant Senate Seats

GFC members representing departments with remaining Faculty Senate vacancies gave a brief report on the current status of their communication with chairs. Additionally, since there is no existing process in place for the school-wide elections for the non-tenured representatives, Stephen Eisenman has agreed to communicate with the Deans of all schools with remaining non-tenured open seats. GFC members will continue to communicate with department chairs until each vacancy is filled.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2010 Meeting

The minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously and will be posted to the GFC website.

4. Faculty Handbook - Update

Stephen Eisenman confirmed the administration is now fully aware that the Faculty Handbook will be handled by the new Faculty Senate body and not by the current GFC. In the interim, GFC members will be sent the current Faculty Handbook document for review, in preparation for making a strong presentation to the new Faculty Senate body. Additionally, at present GFC members will circulate any document red flags via email for further internal discussion.

5. Inviting Lori Anne Henderson, Director of NU's Work/Life Office, to an Upcoming Faculty Senate or Faculty Assembly meeting

The General Faculty Committee will leave it up to the Faculty Senate to decide when or whether to invite Lori Anne Henderson, Director of NU's Work/Life Office, to a future meeting.

6. Discussion of NU Strategic Planning Initiative

In preparation for the upcoming NU Strategic Planning Meeting with the administration, GFC members discussed the plan of action in light of not having been given materials from the administration to review prior to the meeting.

7. Governance Initiative - Planning of Final Rollout Phase

The GFC discussed the current Faculty Senate membership pool and were pleased at the position distributions with each faculty group being represented relatively evenly. The Governance subcommittee will continue to work on and solidify a plan for the final rollout phase.

8. AAUP Survey

Stephen Eisenman will send out the AAUP survey announcement to all faculty members to ensure everyone is aware of this important initiative and to promote increased participation.

Conclusion and reminders

- The final GFC Meeting will be held on December 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Scott Hall room 201 (the Ripton Room).
- Subcommittee Reports due ASAP

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Diana Snyder

Minutes Approved by: General Faculty Committee members