

## **Faculty Policies Minutes--- March 17, 2008**

Attending: Jim Benedict, Rob Bledsoe, Tom Colbert, Tom Crute, Charles Jackson, Stephanie Myers, Carol Rychly, Robert Smalley, Debbie van Tuyl, Steve Weiss.

The subcommittee reviewing committees recommended that a separate subcommittee be formed to review the charge and membership of the Student Activities Committee. Because this will require substantial effort, it was decided to form this subcommittee next year. The subcommittee would be formed of people who have a vested interest in this committee and include people who are not members of FPC. In the process of their review, the committee will be charged with surveying the faculty to understand the role of student activities.

David Alexander from the SGA met with Rychly this week about the proposal for midterm grades. His desire was for every student to meet with their instructor about their midterm grade. Rychly explained why that was not practical and they are looking into ways that at-risk students could be targeted.

Rychly reported on the Faculty Governance meeting she attended. It included a vice-Chancellor, Susan Herbst.

The core curriculum initiative was discussed, but this was the first many schools have heard of it. Herbst explained that this curriculum was at least 5 years from implementation and had been made public so that input from faculty could be obtained. This curriculum was meant to emphasize globalization, as well as be different and inspiring. However, many concerns about the proposal raised at the meeting had not yet been looked into. No one at the meeting (who was familiar with the proposal) liked it.

Linda Nobles from the executive vice-Chancellor office suggested a University System of Georgia Faculty Council. This would be a committee of faculty from faculty senates throughout the system that would advise the Chancellor on faculty issues. Currently, no such committee exists. (Although it does for students and other groups.)

The General Education Committee submitted a list of learning outcomes for the CURRENT core curriculum. This is a requirement of SACS reaccreditation. The organization is based on the description of core curriculum objective from the Board of Regents website. The committee was asked to circulate this document to get feedback.

A draft of the proposed Grievance Policy was submitted to the FPC for feedback. It would replace and unify the current policies for faculty, staff and students. The committee was asked to study the policy and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Our revision of section 500 and 520 of the faculty manual were approved by the committee and will be submitted for a vote to the faculty at the April meeting.

The committee revising the SGA constitution has met and plans to meet again soon. They are working hard, mostly incorporating what are currently bylaws into the actual constitution. There is high student involvement. However, a substantial amount of work remains to be completed.

A plan was made for conducting general elections. The primary will be held the week before Masters and the general election the week after. Bledsoe will collect electronic votes. Myers will prepare the ballot. A joint meeting of the old and new committees will be held April 28 (Benedict will supply treats for that meeting.)

The program to help assign committees is nearly done. The program that allows faculty to request committees will be made available to faculty the week of April 14. Crute will get with Justin about seeing that is done.

Committees are supposed to make a final report to FPC of their activities for the year. It was suggested that a pdf form be made available to do that.

Jackson reported from the Employee Benefits committee that Dr. Bloodworth is continuing to push ORP/TRS equity at the state level. In addition, the committee is looking into allowing faculty access to the JSAC gym for a fee.

Mixon will bring treats to the next meeting.