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MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, May 16, 2007, 4:15 p.m.
In Leavey Program Room
(approved with 1 correction 9/11/07)

PRESENT: Bates, D.Betz, P.Betz, Boettcher, Connor-Linton, Cumby, Davis, DeFina, Dominique, Eagles, Engler, Fink, Friedman, Iglarsh, Keesling, G.Kirkpatrick, J.Larsen, McCabe, McFadden,S.J., E.Moore, Morrell, S.Mueller, J.Murphy, Norton, Pedrick, Pfeiffer, Ronkainen, Shambaugh, V.Sheppard, Soldin, Toporowicz, T.Walsh, Walters, Yearwood.

ABSENT: Aleinikoff, Andrews, Barbari, Bennett, Bloch, R.Clarke, Federoff, Byrne, Canzoneri, Cleary, S.Cohn, G.Daly, Diamond (sabb spr 07), Dimolitsas, Dover, Ernst, K.Gale, Glazer, Goldfrank, Haft, Hirsh (excused spr 07), Jung, Kertesz, Lamiell, Lieber, R.Manuel, J.McAuliffe, MoranCruz, Oaklely, J.O'Donnell, P.O'Malley, G.Owens, J.Peck (lv.), Rebeck, S.Ross, Shad, Shedel, Singer, Sistrunk, Sitterson (Qater), Taylor, Tinkcom, Verbalis, Vroman, L.Walker, J.Walsh,S.J.(sabb), Walters, Weidenbruch, C.Weiss, Witek,S.J (sabb), Wylen,.

GUESTS: Lauren Burgoon (Blue & Gray); Joe McCartin (History); Jim Ward (Assoc. VP, Compliance & Ethics)

BUSINESS: The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2007

A motion that the minutes be approved was proposed:

Motion #1: that the minutes of the previous meeting (Tuesday, April 10, 2007) be approved. The motion was seconded and passed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Aye, Nay, Abstain. Values: 26, 0, 3.

2. Election of Senate officers for 2007-2009 (see handout)

Vicki Pedrick, Chair of the Nominating Committee for Senate Officer Elections, presented the slate of Senate officers for 2007-2009 and then opened the floor for nominations. A motion was proposed and seconded that the slate of officers be approved as presented and the question was called without further discussion:

Motion #2: that the proposed slate of Senate officers for 2007-2009 be approved by the Faculty Senate. Those officers are Wayne B. Davis, President; Gwen Kirkpatrick, VP-Main Campus; Richard Diamond, VP-Law; Rhonda B. Friedman, VP-Medical; and Jeanne Larsen, Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
30	0	0

3. Confirmation of Senate appointments to university and campus committees (see handouts)

The Senate considered the slate of nominees to serve on senate committees during the next academic year. The texts in the following motions 3 – 6 refer to the nominees on the appended document “Faculty Senate Appointments to Committees”; all motions were appropriately proposed and seconded:

Motion #3: that the nominees on page #1 be appointed as listed with the exception of those for the University Affirmative Action Committee. All appointments to this Committee are currently on hold. The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
30	0	0

Motion #4: that the nominees on page # 2 be appointed as listed. The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
30	0	0

Motion #5: that the nominees on page #3 be appointed as listed with the addition of Milena Santoro to the Diversity Action Council and Josiah Osgood to the Judicial Hearing Board, Main Campus and the exception of those for the Retirement Plan Advisory Committee. All appointments to this Committee are currently on hold. The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
30	0	0

Motion #6: that the nominees on page #4 be appointed as listed. The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
30	0	0

4. Update on Waskar Ari case

Senate President Wayne Davis provided an update on Dr. Ari’s case. Dr. Ari has received clearance from the Department of Homeland Security to apply for a visa. Since he still needs to secure the visa from his embassy, the ad hoc committee at GU in support of Wasker Ari would like the Senate to send a letter to the ambassador urging issuance of the visa. A motion was proposed and seconded:

Motion #7: that the Senate President Wayne Davis write a letter to the Secretary of State and others urging that Dr. Ari’s application be approved in time for fall classes. The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
26	0	2

5. Report on the establishment of the Compliance Hotline (Jim Ward)

Following up on discussions of the Whistleblower policy, Jim Ward reported on the establishment of the Compliance Hotline. A motion was proposed and seconded:

Motion #8: that the Senate commends the establishment of the Compliance Hotline. The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
27	0	1

6. Discussion of the 3/15/07 report on Faculty Career Flexibility (Joe McCartin, Chair)

Joe McCartin, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Career Flexibility, presented the report of the Committee and led the discussion of its content. The Steering Committee favors endorsing the Committee's recommendation that a university-wide Faculty Career Flexibility Advisory Committee be established as described in the report, with two amendments. A motion was proposed and seconded:

Motion #9: that the Senate approves the Committee's recommendation that a university-wide Faculty Career Flexibility Advisory Committee be established as described in the report, with two amendments: (i) that the Committee be appointed and charged by the President of the University; (ii) the phrase "educating administrators on each Georgetown campus" in 2d of the charge be replaced by "sharing with administrators and faculty on each Georgetown campus." The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
27	0	1

7. Discussion of Advisory Committee for the Center for Social Justice

For some time now the Senate has put on "Hold" its appointment to the "Volunteer & Public Service (VPS) Advisory Board," pending clarification of its function. Kathleen Maas Weigert, Director of the Center for Social Justice (CSJ) met with the Steering Committee last week, and informed it that the VPS Advisory Board no longer exists, and that the Advisory Board for Student Organizations which has replaced it is not something it makes much sense for the Senate to make appointments to (the ABSO meets weekly for hours to review the budgets of students organizations that are funded by Student Affairs). The Steering Committee also learned that CSJ has no advisory board or executive committee of its own. Given that CSJ has some teaching and research functions as well as a service function, the Steering Committee recommends that an advisory board or executive committee with faculty representation be established for CSJ, to which the Senate would appoint at least one member. It was moved and seconded that this recommendation be endorsed.

Motion #10: that an advisory board or executive committee with faculty representation be established for the Center for Social Justice, to which the Senate would appoint at least one member. The motion was passed as follows:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
28	0	0

8. Presentation of the annual Service Award

The Senate extended its congratulations to the recipient of the Faculty Service award for the academic year. This year it was a lifetime service award for Paul Betz (Department of English) who is retiring after forty two years of dedicated teaching, research and service at Georgetown. For more information on Professor Betz's contributions, please see <http://english.georgetown.edu/newsletter/paulbetz.html>

A motion to adjourn was proposed, seconded, and adopted by unanimous consent.

JL/jhg
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