MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Thursday, October 10, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
Murray Room, Lauinger 5th Floor
(approved, Nov. 19, 2013)


GUESTS: Ardoth Hassler (OADS), Lisa Krim (Special Assistant for Faculty Affairs), Barbara Mujica (Student Veterans Faculty Advisor), David Rubenstein (VP of Finance and Treasurer), Gary Shapiro (SVP Intellectual Properties), David Shearman (Vets Office), Brent Smith (GVP, Follett), Pat Usher (SVP, Marketing, Follett), Janet Uzzell (Director of Campus Store), Tom Vansant (Regional Manager, Follett)

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Davis, Faculty Senate President at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: The minutes of Sept. 16, 2013 were approved with the following votes:

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Open Forum

Carol Dover used the open forum to request that vans be made available to class related trips as well as athletic travel. Others said that they have had no trouble obtaining vans for class related trips.
Verteran’s Affairs Development

Barbara Mujica announced that on November 11 (Veterans Day), there would be a celebration on the lawn. And on March 21, 2014, there will be a gala fundraiser for a veterans’ space. David Shearman reported that his office has a veterans outreach program as well as a veterans admission project designed to attract and advise applicants. It also advises faculty and staff on issues veterans face on campus.

Faculty Survey

Robert Groves (Provost) announced that there will be a faculty survey, called the COACHE survey, that will allow the administration to gather information on faculty needs and to compare Georgetown to other highly competitive schools. The survey is designed and executed by the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The data will be collected confidentially and shared anonymously. The Provost’s goal is to use the information to improve faculty satisfaction. A high response rate is essential if the data is to be meaningful, so he encourages everyone to participate.

Minor Faculty Handbook Amendment

Wayne Davis introduced a minor adjustment to the Faculty handbook that would remove the requirement that rank and tenure votes have to be separate. If approved today, it will be sent out to all faculty for review, and returned to the agenda at the November meeting for review in light of any comments received.

Motion #2: approve amendment

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Plans for the Bookstore
(Debby Morey, David Rubenstein, and Janet Uzzell)

Janet Uzzell, the new director of the Georgetown University Bookstores, introduced herself and her plans to be more responsive to faculty concerns about the operation of the bookstores. Some suggestions included more faculty book presentation events, and better communications between bookstore and faculty members regarding availability of materials. Representatives of Follett gave an overview of the challenges of the college bookstore business, including the various options Follett has created and is in the process of creating to address such issues as access, affordability, and technology. Different formats include purchasing materials, renting, buying as a multi-media suite, and on-line access. There was lively discussion concerning the roll-out of new ways of making on-line requests and interacting with Follett on an electronic platform (possibly Blackboard) to select, organize, and deliver materials for classes. Any changes will be communicated broadly and the faculty is encouraged to provide feedback and make suggestions to Janet Uzzell directly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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