Committee of Chairs
Minutes
May 5, 2008

Present: Paul Alberto, Elizabeth Beck, Deron Boyles, Elisabeth Burgess, Bill Fritz, Shelby Frost, Christine Gallant, Hugh Hudson, George Pullman, George Rainbolt, Don Reitzes, Tim Renick, Jeff Rupp, Rose Sevcik, Marti Singer, and P.C. Tai.

Absent: Peggy Albers, Dabney Dixon, Valerie Miller, Siva Nathan, and Laurie Tis.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Paul Alberto, at 12:03 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the January 9, 2008 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was the election of two senators to serve on FACP. Nominations were opened. Paul Alberto and Pam Barr were nominated. With no further nominations, Drs. Alberto and Barr were elected by acclamation.

The floor was turned over to Tim Renick to give an update on the USG core curriculum initiative. There have been some changes in the process and a campus based committee is being formed to provide more faculty input. As chair of CAP, Dr. Renick is on the committee and two members of CAP (Al Baumstark and Mary Finn) are on the committee as well. The Committee of Chairs needs to elect two more faculty to serve with this group. After some discussion, Denise Donnelly and George Rainbolt were elected.

There has been some discussion about creating a special committee on IS&T, much like the previous one on Human Resources. The plan is to have George Pullman and George Rainbolt be co-chairs of this committee and other members will be added from across campus who have particular knowledge of IS&T. Another item being discussed is the administrator evaluation process. The plan is to appoint a university wide committee who will review the process and make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, in turn, will make recommendations to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Some administrators are concerned about the manner in which the comments are handled. Also, as job descriptions have changed, some of the questions on the evaluation should change to reflect that. Recommendations need to be made about how to increase the number of responses.

Dr. Alberto talked about the need to change the relevant text in the University Statutes and the Senate Bylaws to allow for an emergency Senate meeting to be called when necessary. At present, there needs to be a ten-day notice to call an emergency meeting. The Statutes and Bylaws Committee will be asked to review this situation. George Rainbolt mentioned that Admissions and Standards will be carefully reviewing GSU’s transfer credit policies. These policies need to be streamlined and clarified. Dr. Boyles announced that Nan Seamans will be the new Dean of Libraries.

Dr. Alberto gave an update on a movement by the two- and four-year USG institutions to create a system wide faculty governing body. This group has created a set of Bylaws. Presently, the research institutions have agreed with each other not to join this system wide group.

Since there was no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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