Meeting Minutes
Faculty Affairs Committee of the Senate
April 13, 2006


The meeting began with the approval of the minutes of the March meeting.

Faculty Handbook
Harry brought up the issue of the GSU Faculty Handbook being inconsistent with the Board of Regents’ policy on stopping the tenure clock. The BOR requires that a formal unpaid leave of absence be requested in order to stop the tenure clock. The BOR policy is, in fact, more broad than the GSU policy in that it allows the tenure clock to be stopped for serious illness of the employee or the employee’s family member, in addition to birth or adoption. Also, BOR policy requires Presidential approval of the formal leave of absence.

Marta White feels strongly that, instead of simply bringing the Georgia State University policy into compliance with BOR policy, we ought to modify the policy. She points out that a professional organization of university professors recommends not requiring a leave of absence and providing more freedom and accommodation.

Cece asked the group if it favored 1.) simply getting our policy in compliance with BOR policy or 2.) modifying the policy while achieving compliance. Hugh pointed out that the BOR policy allows for either a formal leave of absence or a reduction of schedule to less than .75 EFT. Dabney agreed with Hugh, and she suggested that we find out what the policies are at UGA and Tech. Dabney also suggested that the Provost’s special committee on women be included in further discussions.

A motion to defer this topic until the first meeting of the new Senate year was approved.

Also deferred until the new Senate year were:
   NTT Governance
   Adding a permanent member of Faculty Affairs from the Counseling Center
   Enrollment Issues - Cece and Hugh will need some volunteers next year

Cece asked for volunteers to work on the Part-time Instructors Handbook, which needs to be completed by September. Harry Dangel and Cheryl Delk volunteered to assist Cece on this project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12.