Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting  
September 14, 2006  
1:00PM-2:30PM  
Manners Room 7th Floor RCB

Present:  
Peggy Albers, Chip Barksdale, Pamela Barr,  
Cathy Brack, Joan Carson, Julie Dangel, Harry Dangel,  
Christine Gallant (Guest), C. Grindel,  
Lynda Goodfellow, Donna Hader (Guest),  
Hugh Hudson, Beth Jones, John Medlock,  
Jerry Rackliffe, Corneill Stephens, Tammy Sugarman,  
C. Thachenkary, and Marta White

Call to Order:  
C. Grindel called the meeting to order at 1pm. She  
introduced Annette Swaray from the Dean’s Office,  
College of Health and Human Sciences, as the person  
who will be taking the minutes replacing B. J. Yergens.  
Members and guests welcomed Ms. Swaray and  
introduced themselves individually around the table.

Approval of Minutes:  
The minutes of March 15th and April 21st, 2006,  
respectively were approved.

307. 06 Limitation on Tenure-Eligible Service  
H. Dangel had submitted a revised policy to the  
committee. This policy is being revised to be congruent  
with BOR policies. D. Hader from the Provost’s Office  
commented on this and explained the Provost’s views on  
the policy. There was some discussion on the subject,  
and the group agreed to invite Provost Henry to the next  
meeting to provide additional information before the  
revised policy is presented to the Board. Approval of the  
Policy was deferred until October 2006 meeting.

C. Grindel asked for volunteers to form a task force to  
look at other universities (UGA, GTech) to see how their  
policies are implemented, etc. Task force volunteers  
were: M. White, H. Dangel, and C. Brack who will get  
information to C. Grindel by next month’s meeting. D.  
Hader agreed to consult with the task force as needed.  
C. Grindel thanked D. Hader for coming and offering her  
input.
Domestic Partner Insurance:  Christine Gallant, Acting Chair Cultural Diversity Committee, passed out a handout on the subject to the group and asked that this matter be treated as confidential for the present time. The goal is to find a fifth insurance healthcare provider that will provide health care coverage for domestic partners as GSU does not offer such coverage at this time. This insurance company would provide health care coverage with the Regents subsidizing the premiums for partners as well as for spouses. She indicated that this subject was supported by the Provost with the President and Tom Lewis, V. P. for External Affairs also in the know. There was discussion vis-à-vis the definition of the term “domestic partner”, legal issues, costs, etc. A survey of the entire GSU campus should be done. This was tabled until the November meeting. Volunteers for the task force were: C. Brack, P. Albers, and J. Medlock. C. Grindel thanked C. Gallant for her presentation and agreed to email other committee members regarding their participation.

Evaluation of University Administrators:  C. Grindel told the group that the President will be evaluated by the Chancellor, during this academic year so the Senate evaluation of the President will be delayed until next year (2007-8). The administrators being evaluated this year are: Associate Provost for Academic Programs; V. P. for Research; V. P. for External Affairs; Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences; Dean, College of Law; and Dean, J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

C. Grindel asked for volunteers for a task force to review the evaluation processes currently in place (i.e., the recipients of the forms, etc.) She reiterated that the evaluations will be online. Volunteers were: C. Stephens, H. Hudson, C. Grindel, and C. Thachenkary. C. Grindel will send an email to the group with further details.
PTI Handbook: Discussion focused on the updated version of the PTI handbook. The following edits and/or comments were suggested:
- adding new grading system;
- classroom key information was changed;
- item E. computer training should be updated;
- item F. compensation rate date also needs to be changed from 1999 to 2005

Changes will be made and brought back to the committee at the next meeting. C. Grindel welcomes any other further edits or changes.

C. Grindel thanked H. Dangel and C. Delk for helping with the revisions of the handbook.

Faculty Composition: C. Brack noted that every faculty group in this category is represented except the Counseling Center. She would like to see the FAC Composition include the Counseling Center. C. Thachenkary proposed the following motion: The Counseling Center will have a representative on the Faculty Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Non TT: M. White reported that the non-tenure track issues had been resolved thus no action is needed at this time.

New Business: B. Jones talked about the email sent out regarding the changes in the ORP and TRS systems. C. Thachenkary outlined the differences in the two systems. There was much discussion on this subject, and the committee accepted the motion proposed by H. Hudson that a joint resolution showing the disparities be prepared together by the Senate Faculty Affairs and the Senate Budget Committees.

C. Thachenkary proposed a second motion that the Faculty Affairs Committee prepare a resolution whereby the University System of GA and BOR allow the members of OPR and TRS to switch from one system to the other.

C. Thachenkary would like to bring these two motions to the Budget Committee next week. The motions were carried and both resolutions are hereby attached.
FAC Sub Committee  
(a) Enrollment:  

L. Goodfellow volunteered for the task force. C. Grindel will get back to the committee regarding the change of this task force.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM