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**Minutes of the Library Assembly, University Libraries, September 17, 2013**

Room AB 211, Greenblatt Library

Present: Camilla Baker; Darra Ballance; Sandra Bandy; Lindsay Blake; Rod Bustos; Maryska Connolly-Brown; Tom Cutshall; Kathy Davies; Virginia Feher; Julie Gaines (remotely); Jeff Heck; Melissa Johnson; Kim Mears; Brenda Seago; Peter Shipman; Fay Verburg; Carol Waggoner-Angleton; Christina Yau.

Jeff Heck, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

1. The Library Assembly approved the minutes of June 17, 2013.

2. GRU Faculty Senate update (Bandy) – see appendix I.

3. Committee reports:

*University Senate committee reports:* see appendix II (Senate Athletics Committee Report), and appendix III (Senate Governance and Communication Committee Report). Brenda Seago reported on the Senate Budget Advisory, Information Technology and University Resources committee meeting. There is some concern regarding slow IT response and the lack of faculty training for the Learning Management System, D2L. Representatives from IT will be talking to the committee in the future.

*Library Assembly committee reports:* none.

*Other reports:* Kathy Davies reported on the Healthy Perspectives Advisory Group. They received a \$50,000 grant from the Healthcare Georgia Foundation to continue the education program and are planning the next phase to expand the education program with new modules and a Facilitating Cultural Competency Faculty Learning Community workshop series.

4. NEW Business:

*Approval of tentative assembly meeting dates:* Jeff Heck proposed that future Library Assembly meetings be held on December 9, 2013; March 21, 2014; and June 13, 2014. After a brief discussion, the faculty approved the proposed dates with Greenblatt Library as the December meeting place. Jeff will look for a suitable space on the Summerville campus for the March meeting.

*Affordable Learning Georgia:* Virginia Feher provided an update on Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG), a University System of Georgia (USG) initiative that will promote the use of affordable alternative resources for classroom learning. Virginia is a member of an ALG USG committee that is working on the ALG website. The website is modeled after California State University's Affordable Learning Solutions website. Virginia showed the assembly the ALG beta website and discussed various aspects of the site.

*Other University information related to faculty:* Brenda, Jeff, Sandra Bandy, and Rod Bustos attended an organizational meeting initiated by USG's Information Technology Services (ITS), which has formed committees with members from USG institutions for the purpose of evaluating and testing the next generation library system.

Fay Verburg encouraged everyone to attend the September 27<sup>th</sup> GRU Faculty Club and Faculty and Spouses Club event at the Pinnacle Club downtown. An RSVP is required for the jointly-hosted event.

#### 6. Announcements

Brenda asked if the library faculty should present a resolution to the Faculty Senate about Open Access Week. Everyone agreed.

The farewell dinner for Christina is on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chop House.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Greenblatt Library will offer a Taste of Augusta luncheon for M.J. Tooley, National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) Director, and Dale Prince, Executive Director of NN/LM, Southeastern/Atlantic.

The librarians at Greenblatt will be visiting the medical library at the University of South Carolina on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reese Library may also wish to visit the Cooper Library at USC.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

## Appendix I

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

University Senate

For complete University Senate minutes, please see:

[http://gru.edu/universitysenate/usminutes/documents/univ\\_sen\\_min\\_9\\_9\\_2013.pdf](http://gru.edu/universitysenate/usminutes/documents/univ_sen_min_9_9_2013.pdf)

The first University Senate meeting of the academic year took place on Monday, September 9 on the Health Sciences campus. Dr. Mulloy thanked Drs. Turner and Sorrentino for their service during the transition period.

Dr. Mulloy announced that all proposed amendments to the Senate Bylaws were approved.

Each University Senate committee chair presented a brief summary. Newly appointed University Advocate, Dr. Bill Reese, was introduced to the Senate via a videotaped message. Since the role of the University Advocate is to be a voice for faculty members not wanting to speak on their own behalf to the Senate, Executive Committee, or the Administration, Dr. Reese provided two email addresses for communication, wreese@gru.edu and universityadvocate@gmail.com (for anonymous communication). Dr. Matthew Bosisio, the Senate's new Ombudsman was also introduced. The Ombudsman is a trained individual who will help faculty members find options for resolving conflicts, complaints, and concerns.

Dr. Mulloy asked for questions or comments from the floor. Concerns were raised regarding the recent parking fees increase on the Summerville campus, and it was noted that faculty should be represented on selection committees for administrative positions.

Submitted by Sandra Bandy

## Appendix II

### **Senate Athletics Committee Report for Library Faculty Assembly 9/17/2013**

Submitted by Peter Shipman

Peter Shipman replaced Kyle McCarrell as the Library faculty representative on the GRU Senate Athletics Committee in August 2013.

Clint Bryant, Director of Athletics, briefed the committee on the following at the August 26, 2013 meeting:

- GRU is moving forward with establishing women's soccer and crew to begin play in 2015, and will use area facilities already in place.
- If the minor league Green Jackets move to North Augusta, the University will investigate acquisition of Lake Olmstead stadium.
- Forest Hills campus is being planned for new playing fields.
- Faculty ticket prices for Men's Basketball will be tentatively set at \$25 for sixteen home games. The basketball floor has been refinished and rebranded with new Jaguar logo.
- A new Baseball coach, Jason Eller was hired.

## Governance and Communication Committee

### Status Report to the University Senate September 9, 2013

- Results of Bylaws amendment voting (survey): To be announced by Senate Chair after Committee presentations.
- Resolution regarding announcing Election Results
  - Our Committee recommends that all election results be announced the morning after the election closes, with the announcement (all faculty email, or on the Senate website) to include just the winner (or issue that “won”) and the vote percentage that one person received.
  - We will be framing that as a resolution for the Senate to consider in an upcoming meeting.
- Guidance for Committee Chairs
  - Our Committee came up with some proposed guidance (about when which committee reports are due / to whom / what format, how to announce when the next committee meeting will be and the agenda, etc.), and presented it to the ExComm at their most recent meeting.
  - We are looking forward to the ExComm’s action on this proposal.
- Process for faculty approval of policies (including expedited process for policies that can’t wait due to SACS or other)
  - The issue is this. The GRU process for promulgating such “Policies” states that some of them require “Faculty Input.” It doesn’t specify exactly how that would work.
  - Our Committee came up with some ideas / proposed guidelines specifying who does what and when, both to ascertain which draft GRU Policies do / do not require “faculty input,” and how “the faculty” (meaning the Senate) would be presented with the issues involved and then vote on them. We briefed our ideas before the most recent ExComm.
  - We are looking forward to the ExComm’s action on this proposal.
- Faculty Evaluation of Administrators (Evaluation of Administrators Subcommittee)
  - Our committee is continuing to work with Human Resources (HR) and Institutional Effectiveness (IE). Right now, there are five surveys, and they need to be reconciled.
  - We noted that our committee facilitates *all* faculty surveys but we also need to help *draft* this particular one; at the same time, we can ultimately only *recommend* what we come up with; the University Senate is the decision maker, not the Committee.