

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MEETING OF THE FACULTY EXECUTIVE BOARD**

MINUTES

Meeting of April 4, 2017

Held in the Poole Board Room of the Wardlaw Building

Members Present: Balsam (Secretary of the Faculty, GTRI), Bras (Provost), Cottle (CoD), Feron (AE), Foster (Modern Lang), Garcia (AE), Girardot (Assoc VP Undergrad Ed), Gourisankar, (ChBE), Hughes (USGFC Rep., ECE), Lotempio (GTRI-SEAL), McIntyre (Business), Milosevic-Brockett (Biology), Nation (GTRI-ELSYS), Peterson (President), Pollet (Chem & Biochem), Riley (Vice-Chair, ECE), Scripka (Grad Pres SGA), Shepler (Chemistry),

Members Absent: Briscoe (GTRI-ATAS), Clark (CoC-CS), Cross (EVPR), Hall, Bobby (GTRI-CTISL), Hall, Leslie (Staff Council), Mihail (CoC-IC), Nukuna (Ugrad Pres SGA), Pusateri (Staff Council), Simpson (OSP), Wong, Cara-Joy

Guests: Cozzens (Vice-Provost Grad Ed & Fac Dev), Dorsey (Staff Council)

1. Dr. Elena Garcia, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 3:07 P.M. She said we are expecting Professor Riley, but would get the meeting started.
2. The Vice-Chair called on President Peterson to remark on matters of interest to the Georgia Tech community.
 - a. The Legislative Session for this year is over. There were about nine items that we were watching. A few include:
 - Final approval for FY18 budget:
 - \$47M for phase 1 of the Library Renewal project.
 - \$40.1M new funds for USG for the system merit based pay adjustments, recruitment, and retention. When money is given to the system, Georgia Tech receives between 8-11%. A 1% raise costs us about \$4M across the campus.
 - \$50M in the budget for major repairs and rehabilitation across the system
 - \$66M in formula funding for enrollment growth.
 - Working now with the Regents on Tuition.
 - House Bill 51/Senate Bill 71 – Campus Assault Bill did not come out of the senate.
 - Campus Carry passed so it will go to the Governor. Governor vetoed it last year stating that several things should have been done. This year the bill addresses many of those items so we now wonder if he will pass that bill. We oppose it. There are safety concerns. There are many caveats in the bill where a gun cannot be carried. We are not sure how the logistics might work. The Governor has until May 9th to act on the legislation.

- b. Continuing conversation with senior leadership with a Town Hall format. President Peterson had one, Dr. Cross had one, and there is one coming up with Steve Swant. One question that comes up is why the campus is so torn up. A lot of what we see is almost done. West Campus is updating the dining hall. Tech Square is constructing the Coda Building. Along Ferst Drive are updates to the sidewalk and steam lines.
- c. Set a record in the 2017 Charitable Campaign: \$393,460.96 which broke the record from the year before last. We had 1279 people donate and for the 8th year in a row we won the Governor's Cup.
- d. Received Atlanta Business Chronical Visionary Award for successful development of Technology Square. Hard to believe the changes over the last 14-15 years.
- e. North Yards: Other side of North Avenue, under the overpass, past Coca Cola and on the left side, we own ~13 acres, Technology Enterprise Park is there, GTRI has warehouses. Just south of there is property known as the North Yards. This area is growing very quickly. Within a few years it will be similar to Technology Square.

President Peterson called on Provost Bras for his comments:

- f. When the Whistle Blows is today.
- g. Admissions: 31,500 applicants. Early admissions offers went out earlier and regular admissions are out now. Students have until May 1st to accept. The numbers are coming back quiet strong with a high yield. The average admission rate is 28%.
- h. InVenture Prize: Another great job. This was the ninth year with the winner being Cautey Guard. The ACC InVenture Prize was last Friday; an excellent event with all 15 schools competing. We did not win that one, but we did receive the People's Choice. Shout out to Chris Reeve who works so hard on this event.
- i. Arts Event: similar competition like the InVenture Prize will be in Washington in October with all 15 ACC institutions participating. It will be at the Smithsonian. Virginia Tech took the lead on putting the event together. There will be 30 performances, shows, and exhibitions pre-selected from the 15 schools.
- j. Dean search is moving forward. The search committee has met several times. Letters are out, nominations are coming in, and individuals are expressing interest. He is confident they will select a Dean of Engineering.
- k. Town Halls for Engineering Community: April 12 at 11 and April 24 at 2.
- l. Vice Provost of Graduate Education and Faculty Development, Dr. Susan Cozzens, is retiring. There is an internal search for this position.
- m. Commission on Creating the Next is moving forward. Very happy with what we are seeing from this effort so far. There is an interesting promotional video on the Provost's website where faculty, staff, and students provide their thoughts on what education at Georgia Tech might be like in 2040. In Clough Commons there will be a booth where you can interact and provide ideas for "creating the next" in education.
- n. Remember the Task Force on Academic Scheduling has new schedules starting in the fall and yes, the whistle will be reprogrammed.
- o. New second cohort for Emerging Leaders is starting soon. The first cohort has gone very well.

3. Professor George Riley, Chair, directed the Board's attention to the posted minutes of the March 7, 2017 Faculty Executive Board meeting (**Attachment #1**). **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed without dissent.**
4. The Chair called on Dr. Carrie Shepler, APR Subcommittee Chair, to provide the summary and finding of the Academic Program Review Subcommittee. She provided a handout (**Attachment #2**) that detailed the subcommittee's process and observations. There were several common themes across the units that had an external review: Interdisciplinary programs across the colleges present challenges with respect to ownership, buy-in, and coordination. Need for faculty mentoring, development and sabbatical opportunities. Lack of diversity among faculty and among students in some units. Lack of funding for graduate students. Lack of sufficient internal communication.

Dr. Bras stated the current APR review process is working very well. External reviews are productive; they come for one and a half days so you may hear some of the same information. Reviewers are decisive and they can see where issues may exist. The subcommittee sends their report to Provost Bras. It is helpful to have the subcommittee looking for common themes for leadership to be aware. Academic units take the APR review seriously and work to address any areas of concern.

5. Prof. Riley called on Dr. Elena Garcia, Vice-Chair, and Chair of the Task Force on Temporary Faculty to provide status. Task force to look at temporary faculty or more broadly faculty that do not have participation in faculty governance. The plan was to have an ad-hoc committee and if the ad-hoc committee was successful, it might eventually become a standing committee. The ad-hoc committee would have individuals that do have faculty governance participation privileges and they would be tasked with soliciting and collecting information from these other temporary faculty and make sure the input is routed to the appropriate standing committees of the faculty. They are currently setting up the ad-hoc committee and have appropriate representation; visiting assistant professors in math department, Brittain Fellows, and also post-docs in general. If there are other groups of part-time faculty that should be included, please do let Elena know. She asked for suggestions for faculty that should participate.
6. The chair asked Ms. Jeanne Balsam, Secretary, to provide faculty election status. She thanked Elena Garcia and John McIntyre for their efforts leading the nominations committee. The ballot was approved and we have the election up and running. Election began on April 3rd with 2,822 individuals eligible to vote; 426 votes cast the first day. She will send out reminders several times. The election will run until April 17th.
7. Next Ms. Balsam shared the proposed agenda (**Attachment #3**) for the upcoming meeting of the Academic Faculty and Academic Faculty Senate scheduled for April 18, 2017. **The motion for approval was seconded and passed without dissent.**
8. Dr. Riley polled committee liaisons for any reports of matters that should come to the board's attention. The following were significant highlights not covered elsewhere:

- a. **Debbie Dorsey for Staff Council:** Town Hall on April 18 and is open to the entire campus. Main topics are benefit changes and FMLA. Quarterly Georgia Tech Inform Series on May 9th with Chief Connelly.
- b. **Joe Hughes (USGFC rep):** The USGFC met last Friday. Joe was out of town so Doug Williams went in his place. The meeting was at the University System office. The Chancellor was happy with the budget as it funded raises, health insurance, and enrollment. Legislature: campus carry passed; if faculty are not allowed to have guns in their office, would faculty be the only ones not able to carry; there is hope that the Governor will veto it again. There is a lot of unhappiness with some faculty in the system right now especially for faculty on small campuses. Some concerns about mergers of institutions as often the faculty are not made aware until after the Board has voted.
- c. **Nagela Nukuna (Pres, Undergrad SGA):** absent, but sent notes. They have coordinated with organizations across the campus to put all graduating senior events in a central location in addition to planning a few new ones graduationweek.gatech.edu. Coordinated with the Student Center to offer a pilot program of late-night dining options (from 9 pm to 12 am) of Panda Express and Chick-Fil-A, and allow students to use meal swipes to get meals. This began last night and there were a little over 250 students that showed up for the first night. The new hammocks are being heavily utilized so they are working through how to maintain them for best use. The IT team is working with IRP and EDM to focus on synergies and figure out best practices to merge Course Critique with the new CIOS numerical data; they are working closely with Sandy Bramblett and her team. New SGA President elected is Sujay Peramanu and the VP is Richard Wang.
- d. **David Scripka (President, Grad SGA):** left meeting
- e. **Susan Cozzens:** Working jointly with the IGCC to gather information. One of the stress items is the qualifying exam process. We have gathered information for how the units implement a qualifying exam process. There are a lot of differences, so we may want to find a common best process.
- f. **Erica Briscoe (Stud Grievance and Appeal):** absent
- g. **Russ Clark (Faculty Services):** absent
- h. **Mark Cottle (SAFAC):** nothing
- i. **Eric Feron (Student Activities):** creative students come up with interesting groups.
- j. **Paul Foster (Academic Integrity):** Has not met since last FEB meeting
- k. **Steven Girardot (Student Honor):** nothing
- l. **Satya Gourisankar (Faculty Honors):** nothing
- m. **Bobby Hall (Faculty Benefits):** absent

- n. **Johanna Lotempio (Student Computer Ownership):** nothing
 - o. **John McIntyre (FSGC):** nothing
 - p. **Milena Mihail (IGCC):** absent
 - q. **Mirjana Milosevic-Brockett (Statutes):** Statutes committee did not meet.
 - r. **Doug Nation (Student Regulations):** SRC has a lot on their plate and they are working through it.
 - s. **Pamela Pollet (Staff Council):** nothing, already heard from Debbie Dorsey
 - t. **Carrie Shepler (IUCC):** nothing to report
 - u. **Dana Simpson (Welfare & Security):** absent
 - v. **Cara-Joy Wong (Staff Council):** absent
9. Prof Riley asked if there was any additional business and hearing none adjourned the meeting at about 4:15 pm.

Submitted by Jeanne Balsam, Secretary
June 13, 2017

Attachments

1. [Minutes](#) of the March 7, 2017 Faculty Executive Board meeting
2. [Report](#) from the APR subcommittee review
3. [Agenda](#) for April 18, 2017 meeting of the Academic Faculty Senate