GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE FACULTY,
FACULTY SENATE, AND
THE ACADEMIC FACULTY SENATE

Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 3:00
Student Center Theater

MINUTES

1. Provost Bras opened the meeting at 3:05 PM.

   Dr. Bras shared the following remarks:

   a. Dean Searches:

      i. Dean College of computing: there are four finalists. The Provost encouraged everyone to go to the candidate seminars and provide feedback through the survey.

      ii. Dean Searches for Computing and Sciences: there are three candidates that will be on campus to provide seminars during March.

      iii. Dean Jacque Royster announced she is stepping down as the Dean of Ivan Allen. She has been discussing this with the Provost for some time so that was not unexpected. She has been the Dean since 2010. Details of the search process will be announced later this spring.

   b. Ling-Ling Nie has been selected as the General Council and VP for Ethics and Compliance. She is very experienced in profit and nonprofit institutions. She will be at Tech next month.

   c. Path Forward Together continues to make progress. The campus has completed a project to identify and mark more than 150 single-occupant gender-inclusive restrooms across the campus.

   d. Commission on Creating the Next continues to receive a lot of interest around the country. The Provost spends a lot of time communicating with those inquiries. GT's Strategic Plan Advisory Group will soon be reconstituted to support the Commission on Creating the Next in Education Program Office.

   e. A Presidential Search Committee has been appointed by the Regents. Forums are being held soon and everyone should participate. Two for faculty and staff on Feb 20, 4-5 and Feb 2y, 2-3; and one forum for the students (Feb 20, 5:30-6:30). This is very important to the future of GT.

   f. OMS CS is five years old. It has been a huge success and inspired two additional OMS degrees. OMS Analytics began in Fall 2017 with 250 students and has 1500 students this semester. The OMS Cybersecurity degree launched in January with about 250 students.

   g. Joe Irwin, GT Alumni Association President is retiring effective Feb 28th from the Alumni Association. They are a separate organization affiliated with GT and will conduct

their own search. Bill Todd, current Professor of the Practice will serve as the interim Alumni Association President.

2. The Provost asked for the minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting to be approved. He indicated that the minutes were posted on the faculty governance web site and no additions or corrections had been received. (See Attachment #1 below for web site reference). **The minutes were approved without dissent.**

3. The Provost asked Professor Joe Hughes, Chair of the Faculty Executive Board, and a member of the Presidential Search Committee to provide an announcement. He used the slide in Attachment #2 to inform the attendees of campus forums that are being help to solicit inputs on characteristics of the next President. There are two forums for faculty and staff on Feb 20 at 4 pm and Feb 26 at 2 pm and a student forum on Feb 20th at 5:30. He encouraged everyone to attend and share their thoughts.

4. Provost Bras called on Mr. Mark Hoeting, VP IT & Chief Information Officer, Mr. Jimmy Lummis, Chief Information Security Officer, and Ms. Daniela Staiculescu, member of the Faculty Services Committee to share information about IT Governance. They followed the slides in the presentation in Attachment #3. Mr. Hoeting provided background information on the current governance model and the existing Technology Advisory Council (TAC). The council informs, advises, and guides all aspects of technology at GT, through the areas of instruction, research, and enterprise technology. New strategic initiatives have launched that are not directly aligned with IT governance. GT IT and the Faculty Services Committee have partnered to lead the task force. This provides an opportunity for a faculty-led review task force to evaluate the current environment, assess emerging Institute priorities, and evaluate opportunities related to information technology. They came before the members of the Faculty Senate to share the Charge of the Governance Task Force and to seek representatives to the task force. The Secretary will share the information via email with all the elected members of the Faculty Senate.

5. Prof Hughes was asked to share recommended changes to the *Faculty Handbook*. The proposed changes are related to the standing committees of the faculty. This was started a couple of years ago and are based on a February 2016 Task Force report.   Prof Hughes followed the presentation in Attachment #4a. Specific changes can easily be seen in Attachment #4b that shows what is recommended to be deleted, added, or clarified. He stated these recommended changes are part of the Statutes and therefore, will require two readings. Today is the first reading of proposed changes to Section 2.1 and 2.6; if approved, the second reading will be at the April 23rd Faculty meeting. Some recommendations were to refine the membership for the needs of each committee and to be consistent with other committees when appropriate. In a few instances, there are some changes to the duties of the committee. Prof Hughes discussed each committee:
    a. Committees discussed are: Faculty Benefits, Faculty Honors, Faculty Status and Grievance, Statutes, Welfare and Security Committee, Institute Undergraduate Curriculum, Institute Graduate Curriculum, Student Regulations, and Student Grievance and Appeal.

b. There was some concern over the recommended change to the FSGC to include the Institute's General Counsel or designee as a non-voting ex-officio member. Thoughts indicated the work of the FSGC might be impacted with the General Council as a member. **There was a motion to remove the recommendation to have the General Counsel or designee from consideration; it was seconded, discussed, and a vote approved for this amendment to the recommendation.**

Prof Hughes moved to approve on first reading the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook, as summarized in the presentation and detailed in the report posted online and linked to the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committees with no changes recommended at this time: Faculty Services, Student Academic and Financial Affairs, Student Activities, Student Honor, Student Computer Ownership, and Academic Integrity. There is a second phase to review the recommended changes to these committees.

6. The Provost then called on representatives of **Standing Committees of the Academic Faculty** to present annual reports, minutes and action items requiring approval. In most cases the representatives followed closely the reports in the committees' files on the faculty governance website noted in Attachment #5 below and so that text was not repeated here. The following provides an outline of the material presented showing the representatives that appeared to make the presentations. Where presenters utilized additional presentation materials, they are noted below and provided as attachments.

Standing Committees of the Academic Faculty:

a. Institute Undergraduate Curriculum – Prof. Angus Wilkinson, Chair utilized the presentation in Attachment #5a to discuss the action items and minutes.
Minutes: 12/11/18, 01/08/19, 01/22/19, 02/05/19
Action items: From 12/11: Math course update Math 1111; LMC: 4 new courses with humanities attributes, 5 new courses, degree mod**. From 01/22:** BioSci: 70 new courses with new BIOS prefix; Mod Lang: 5 new courses; History & Sociology: degree mod; Chem & Biochem: new course, new minor, degree mods; Vertically Integrated Prof (VIP): 2 new courses; Music: new course, deactivate 2 courses; CoC: new course; CoC/LMC: degree mod; LMC: 2 new courses; Econ: BS/MS option mod. **From 02/05:** Provost's Advisory Committee on Academic Scheduling: new course definitions and changes to the Unit of Credit in the catalog; BioSci: degree mod; Econ and International Affairs: new BS/MS Option; BioSci: degree mod BS Neuroscience: Pub Policy: new course with ethics attribute, 4 new courses; ISyE: degree mod.
Prof Wilkinson moved for the adoption of the action items, it was seconded and passed.
He then moved for the approval of the minutes which were seconded and approved without dissent.

b. Institute Graduate Curriculum – Prof Kristie Macrakis, Chair, covered minutes and action items utilizing the presentation in Attachment #5b.
Minutes: 12/06/18, 01/10/19, 02/07/19

Action Items: From 12/06: Econ: new BS/MS option; Physics: 4 new courses; CoC: new course, degree mod; Bldg Construction: 3 new courses. **From 01/10:** Vertically Integrated Project: 2 new courses; International Affairs: 1 new course; Public Policy: 2 new courses; City and Regional Planning: new dual degree option; Industrial Design: 8 new courses, new graduate embedded certificate; IC/AE/ECE/ME/Physics/BMED: 5 new courses, new degree. **From 02/07:** Provost's Advisory Committee on Academic Scheduling: new course definitions and changes to the unit of credit; Econ/International Affairs: new BS/MS option; Pub Policy: new course.

Prof Macrakis moved for the approval of the action items; they were seconded and approved without dissent. She also moved for the approval of the minutes that were seconded and approved.

c. Student Regulations – Chair, Prof. Al Ferri presented the action items and minutes utilizing Attachment #5c.
Minutes: 11/02/18, 12/07/18, 01/25/19
Action Items: From 11/02: Changes to the Leave of Absence policy; **From 01/25/19:** changes to Responsible Conduct of Research policy, changes to English language requirement for grad programs; change in procedure for incoming freshmen to allow change in major.
Prof Ferri moved for the approval of the action items; they were seconded and approved without dissent. He then moved for the approval of the minutes that were seconded and approved.

7. The Provost asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the Provost adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Balsam
Secretary of the Faculty
April 15, 2019

Attachments:

1. Minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting of the Faculty, Faculty Senate, and the Academic Faculty Senate.
2. Presidential Search Committee forums
3. IT Governance presentation
4. Faculty Handbook modification presentation and request
5. Annual Reports and Minutes of Academic Standing Committees
   a. IUCC presentation
   b. IGCC presentation
   c. SRC presentation