

University Council Faculty Affairs Committee Report
February 5, 2009
Elizabeth A. St.Pierre, Chair

University Council's Faculty Affairs Committee has met three times this year. At the first meeting on September 25, 2008, I agreed to be chair of the committee again this year. At that meeting, committee members expressed concern about the rationale for and the implications of the recent survey about faculty workload, and the committee decided to invite to our next meeting Bill Vencill, Professor and Administrative Fellow in the Provost's office, who developed the survey.

Professor Vencill, attended our next meeting on October 8 and explained that the Provost's Office had had an immediate need for data about faculty workload that would, in the future, be available from the new University Faculty Activity Repository, or FAR, database. However, because FAR data was not yet available, Professor Vencill was charged with developing a rough survey to collect very general information about faculty activities and workload. Given that that survey had already been completed, our committee decided to turn its attention to the new FAR, which will be used in the future to record faculty workload on an annual basis. The committee wanted to ensure that the categories of the new FAR capture the wide variety of work accomplished by faculty members at UGA. Thus, we decided to invite to our next meeting Allan Aycock, Bob Scott, and Tracie Sapp, all of whom have been working on the new FAR and are knowledgeable about its history, its development, and its possible uses.

At our next meeting on October 30, 2008, Allan Aycock, Bob Scott, and Tracie Sapp provided information about the history, development, and possible uses of the new university-wide Faculty Activities Repository database. Allan Aycock and Bob Scott presented a brief PowerPoint explaining the new FAR and answered a variety of questions about missing categories and general confusions for committee members, who had filled out the FAR before the committee meeting. Explanations were very helpful, and the committee learned that those developing the FAR are eager to respond to faculty concerns and questions about the FAR, which will be revised on an ongoing basis. I agreed to serve on the university FAR Working Group to provide liaison between that task force and the Faculty Affairs Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee will be February 10, 2009.

September 25, 2008.

Members Present: Lonnie Brown, Scott Brown, Wayde Brown, Georgia Calhoun, Adam Goodie, Art Grider, Hugh Martin, Scott Merkle, Henry Munneke, Stephen

Rathbun, Elizabeth St.Pierre, Susan Thomas. Jayne Smith, Director of Faculty Affairs, also attended the meeting.

October 8, 2008.

Members Present: Lonnie Brown, Scott Brown, Georgia Calhoun, Lane ely, Adam Goodie, Steven Lewis, Scott Merkle, Stephen Rathbun, David Saltz, Susan Thomas, Jen Williams-Woodward. Bill Vencill, Hayley Peterson from the *Red and Black*, and Jayne Smith, Director of Faculty Affairs, also attended the meeting.

October 30, 2008

Members Present: Georgia Calhoun, Adam Goodie, Hugh Martin, Stephen Rathbun, Elizabeth St.Pierre. Bob Scott, Allan Aycok, Tracie Sapp, Jayne Smith, and Bill Vencill also attended the meeting.