

Faculty Affairs Committee Report

The Faculty Affairs Committee met twice since my last report, once on March 27 and once on April 25. The April 25 meeting occurred after the deadline for filing this report, so I will report only on the March 27 meeting. We discussed a motion of Steve Baginski in the form of a memo to the Provost's office recommending a change to UGA's consulting policy, to allow for averaging of the allowable number of consulting days. This recommendation was based on comparison with the policies of other top 20 public universities. We agreed to reword the motion and vote on a revised version at our next meeting. We discussed the report of the Committee on Post-Tenure Review submitted to our committee in April of last year (2016). There was discussion of whether this report was still relevant in light of the withdrawal of the Faculty Performance Initiative. At the same time, some sections of the report drew extensive comment, especially its recommendation that PTR be tied to annual reviews, and that some consequences be specified in case a faculty member fails a post-tenure review and also fails to make progress on the mandatory remediation plan specified in our current policy. We agreed to discuss this matter further at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mattern, Chair