

University Council Faculty Affairs Committee

Minutes for Zoom Meeting at 2:00 pm on February 23, 2026

Members Present: Jason Gordon, Karin Allenspach, Allan Tate, William Fitt, Kelly Farmer Ford, Melissa Landers-Potts, Maric Boudreau, Ed Sperr, Sungkyung Lee, Magdy Alabady, Laurel Dunn, Mumbi Anderson, Elizabeth St.Pierre, Janette Hill, Esra Santesso, Sharon Parker, Fred Beyette, Amy Medlock

Members Absent: Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Ronald Orlando, George Krause, Priya Narayanan, Angel Jackson

Chair, Elizabeth St.Pierre, presented 2 action items for the committee's consideration:

1. Request to approve a proposal to revise the *UGA Guidelines for the Appointment and Promotion of Lecturers*. FAC first discussed this proposal at its January 23, 2026 meeting and requested that it be reconsidered. Dr. Melissa Landers-Potts (Lecturer representative on the FAC), Dr. Amy Medlock (SOM Representative on the FAC), Associate Provost Elizabeth Weeks (UGA Office of Faculty Affairs), and Dr. St.Pierre then met to revise the proposal. After discussion of that revision at the FAC meeting on February 23, 2026, Melissa Potts made a motion to consult with Associate Provost Weeks about Section 6.3, Preliminary Consideration of the *Guidelines* and bring a proposed revision back to FAC at its next meeting. Esra Santesso seconded the motion, and that motion was approved unanimously by the committee with a vote of 16 Yes, 0 No.
2. Request to approve a proposal to revise the *UGA Guidelines for the Appointment and Promotion of Academic Professionals*. There are 3 ranks in the Lecturer faculty track: Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Principal Lecturer. Section 3.1 *Ranks of Eligible Voting Faculty* on p. 3 of the *Academic Professional Guidelines* needs to be revised to include the rank "Principal Lecturer." A motion to approve the revision of Section 3.1 to include Principal Lecturer was made by Janette Hill and seconded by Magdy Alabady. The committee approved the motion with a vote of 16 Yes, 0 No.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm.