

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FACULTY COUNCIL (USGFC)

Meeting: Saturday, 20th April, 2013

9:30 - 10:00 am

Arrival, Check-In and Continental Breakfast

10:00 - 10:05 am

Call to Order (Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes)

10:05 - 10:10 am

Introduction of Participants

10:10 to 10:30 am

The State of USG by Dr. Linda Noble, USG.

10:45 to 11:30 am

Motion submitted for discussion by Meighan Dillon, SPSU.

The USGFC deplors the use of “student success rates” as a measure of teaching effectiveness in evaluating individual instructors, courses, and departments in the USG. “Student success rates,” defined as the percentage of students in a course receiving grades of ABC (or ABCD) out of the total number of students receiving grades of ABCDFW or WF, have a false air of legitimacy that makes them particularly pernicious. In the current climate, in which more and more of the teaching corps in the USG is comprised of adjuncts and untenured faculty, in which state support of USG institutions is dwindling rapidly, in which Complete College Georgia, MOOCs, and talk of the \$10,000 degree all appear as threats, the use of “student success rates” presents further pressure on individuals and institutions in the University System to lower standards to increase student graduation rate.

11:30 am – 12 noon

Selection of topics for Break-Out Sessions

Possible topics,

- 1) Summer teaching, payments and trends
- 2) Evaluating effectiveness of teaching in annual and T&P reviews.
- 3) Evaluating effectiveness of service in annual and T&P reviews.

- 4) Weapons and dealing with physical threats on and around campuses
- 5) USG rigid curriculum requirements.
- 6) BOR 2.5.2
- 7) USGFC functioning and bylaws
- 8) Any other suggestions.

12 noon to 1:30 pm (with lunch provided 12 noon)

Break-Out Sessions (Self-Selected)

1:30 - 3:15 pm

Reports from Break-Out Sessions

Discussion of Possible Resolutions from Break-out sessions

Votes on Resolutions

3:30 - 4:00 pm

USGFC Administrative Discussion

Officers, elections, next meeting

Personal note: we have no elected officers for next year. We need at a minimum Chair, and a Secretary. We also need a location and a date for Fall meeting (should we ask to meet with Chancellor again next Fall?)