

Faculty Development Committee

March 2, 2021

The Faculty Development Committee met virtually on March 2, 2021, at 10:00 am.

Present were: Mbaye, Overfield, Boumenir, Rogers, Britton, Nelson, Green, Kang, and Faucette.

The issue of instituting the rank of principal lecturer was discussed. One member reported that Georgia Tech and Georgia Southern both have this rank. There was a discussion on the increase in status and salary for this rank. The Colleges should be responsible for the details.

Action Item: The Faculty Development Committee supports the exploration of creating the rank of Principal Lecturer.

The deadline for the completion of the reviews for the Faculty Research Grants is mid-March. We have received nothing so far and are still waiting.

There was an update on the survey of program coordinators to assess their duties and workloads. The committee decided the survey should be distributed and the data collected, but no further effort should be expended pending policy decisions from the administration. The committee expressed appreciation to Mr. Nelson and Professors Mbaye and Green for their work on this project.

There was a discussion of the role of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Development Committee in the governance of the university, specifically with regards to proposed UWG Procedure 1002. It was stated that as the administration issues policy proposals for discussion that all faculty are notified and allowed input. It is important that the faculty participate in the discussion of these policies. There is no intent to dissolve the Faculty Senate. In fact, the existence of the Faculty Senate is mandated by the USG. The intent of the changes is to implement a new process for faculty input.