# Faculty and Senate Governance (FSG) Meeting

# Annual Report

# 2017-2018

## Membership

In April 2017 Charlotte Herrin and Angela Benson were elected as co-chairs of the FSG committee. The initial membership consisted of Yuping Bao, Ibrahim Çemen, Steve Katsinas, Steve Miller and Dominic Yeager (ex-officio). After the formation of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee, William Martin joined the FSG committee. In October, Charlotte Herrin resigned as co-chair of the committee and Ibrahim Çemen was elected to replace her. In December, Charlotte retired from the university and was removed from the committee. In January 2018, Yuping Bao resigned from the Senate due to scheduling conflicts and was removed from the committee. The final committee membership consisted of Angela Benson, Ibrahim Çemen, Steven Katsinas, William Martin, Steve Miller and Dominic Yeager (ex-officio).

The committee held monthly meetings on the Tuesday following the full Senate meeting. In the Fall, the meetings were held in the Law Library and in the Spring, they were held in Bevill Energy Building.

## Elections

The FSG committee conducted five elections.

1) Election of Commencement Marshals. In September, the committee solicited commencement marshal nominations from the full faculty. Nine nominations were received and six marshals were elected via e-vote of the full Senate. One of the elected marshals declined the nomination. The 2017-2018 marshals elected were Ken Wright (Winter 2017); Clark Midkiff, Steve Miller and Katherine Orr (Spring 2018) and Steven Hobbs (Summer 2018).

2) Election of Mediation Committee members. In November, the committee solicited nominations from the full faculty for two members of the Mediation Committee. JoAnn Oliver (Nursing) and Cassander Smith (English) were nominated and elected by full Senate via acclamation vote.

3) Election of Merger and Discontinuance of Academic Units Committee members. In December, the committee solicited nominations from the full faculty for two members of the Merger and Discontinuance of Academic Units committee. Geoffrey Tick (Geological Sciences) and Sandra Nichols (Education) were nominated and elected by full Senate via acclamation vote.

4) Election of Ombudsperson. In January, the committee solicited nominations from the full faculty for Ombudsperson. Seth Appiah-Opoku (Geography) was nominated. After vetting by the committee, his name was forwarded to the Senate Secretary for vote by the full faculty.

5) Election of Senate Officers. In February, the committee solicited nominations from the full Senate for 2018-19 Senate Officers. Rona Donahoe was nominated for President; Chapman Greer was nominated for Vice President; and Barbara Dahlbach was nominated for Secretary. The vote of the full Senate was conducted at the March meeting and all nominees were elected.

**Additional FSG Committee Tasks**

In August, the committee was designated by Senate President to write the charge for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. In September, the committee presented the charge to the full Senate and oversaw the vote on the charge and associated by-laws changes to add the new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. The vote on the charge and the by-laws changes passed.

In January 2018, the committee began a review of the Senate By-laws. This task will continue through the 2018-2019 academic year.

Angela Benson and Ibrahim Çemen, Co-chairs