2014-15 University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES - Draft

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Members Present: Remi Beaulac, John Bell, John C. Besley, Geoff Booth, NiCole Buchanan, Michael Callahan, Anita M. Ezzo, Phylis A. Floyd, John W. Gobel, Della Hughes, Gerd Kortemeyer, Daniel B. Kramer, Rod Phillips, David Sheridan and Li Xiao.

Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: William Donohue, Kara Yermak and John Powell.

Call to Order: Professor Donohue called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. He welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves.

He then introduced Professor John Powell, the interim Secretary for Academic Governance. Professor Powell gave a brief history of his past work assignments at MSU. He went on to describe what he feels needs to be done to make his new assignment more efficient and helpful in the academic governance system.

Professor Donohue explained that he has accepted the position as interim Faculty Grievance Official until a replacement is found for that position. Since he is in another position, he cannot maintain the position as the UCFA chair.

New Business: Professor Donohue asked if there were any volunteer UCFA committee members who would like to run for the position of the UCFA chair. Phylis Floyd, College of Arts and Letters representative to UCFA, volunteered. No other UCFA members indicated an interest, therefore Professor Phylis Floyd will be the 2014-15 UCFA chair and faculty representative on the MSU Board of Trustees.

Announcements

1. Phylis A. Floyd – There was a discussion on the September 23 UCFA meeting. The meeting will be held in room 443 Administration Building as President Simon has the Board Room reserved during UCFA’s regular meeting time.

   Elva Boyles, Recording Secretary, stated that the September 23 agenda will have:
   a. Jeff Kacos, IPF Campus Planning, and Bill Latta, EVP, presenting CATA information
   b. Dennis Hampton, Jr., Distance Learning Services (D2L), will demonstrate the capabilities of the D2L system. This is one possible system taking over the work of the Angel system.

2. Terry Curry – Professor Curry gave a brief overview of the possible projects that the Personnel Policy subcommittee might be working on.
Announcements, continued
3. William Donohue – No report was given.
4. David Byelich – No report was given.

Subcommittee Reports
Budget: No report was given.
Personnel Policy: No report was given.

Other Questions: No other questions were noted.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary