University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010


Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Professor Moriarty called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Aben. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Jayaraman made a motion to approve the January 26, 2010 Minutes seconded by Dr. Selanders. The motion carried.

Old Business

A. “9 over 9” Compensation Plan – There were numerous questions, answers and discussion of the various aspects of this plan. There will be more information released very soon. This plan becomes active August 16, 2010.

B. Medical School Questions – Dean Strampel, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Professor Moriarty introduced the College of Osteopathic Medicine Dean, William Strampel. He was invited to attend UCFA and respond to a list of questions prepared by UCFA members. Dean Strampel assumed that his responses had been forwarded to UCFA for his original meeting date December 8, 2009 (he gave us a copy of those prepared answers and we made copies during his presentation – a copy of his answers is attached to these Minutes).

New Business

A. Proposal for Establishment of New Academic Departments in the College of Human Medicine – Grand Rapids – submitted by Marsha Rappley, M.D., Dean, College of Human Medicine

After discussion, it was determined that UCFA needs to know the process and have additional background before considering this proposal. Professor Curry volunteered to follow up on this information request. Action on this proposal will wait until there is more guidance.

Announcements

A. Deborah Moriarty
   - The MSU Board of Trustees Faculty Liaison Group met earlier today – there will be a health care update to share with the Board during their meeting plus a UCFA
update (talking about the interview process with the Colleges of Human Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine) and reports from the other Standing Committees.

- From ECAC, the Academic Year Task Force – calendar questions; the Registrar’s Office is putting proposed calendars for 10 years together and will come to UCFA when completed. The “J Term” details will be handled by the colleges.

- Faculty Health Care Committee met last Friday; that committee has been charged with the responsibility of being the main source of collecting information and generating discussion and moving to conclusion on the proposed health care changes.

- The Labor Union Coalition vote – 7 unions voted and passed the health care proposal; 2 unions plus the Fixed-Term Faculty group did not pass it, but are continuing to review the information.

- UCFA meeting dates – March 2, 16, 23, and April 6, 20. The March 2 date may not be used; that will be decided during the February 23rd meeting.

B. Terry Curry – No report.

C. John Revitte
   - Professor Revitte commented that the facts of the report he distributed during the January 26 meeting, End of Fall Semester 2009 Report, are quite similar to the prior year report.

D. David Byelich
   - He stated that the Awards Convocation (convening immediately after this meeting) and, for the first time, this program would also be broadcast simultaneously on: www.wmsu.org.

Subcommittee Reports:
   Budget:  Shawn Nicholson, Chairperson  There was no report given.
   Personnel Policy:  K. (Jay) Jayaraman, Chairperson  Dr. Jayaraman reported that the FGO review has been scheduled as well as the Manual revisions.

Adjournment:  Dr. Jayaraman made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees seconded by Dr. Nawyn. The motion carried. UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary