University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 27, 2011


Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Linda Jackson, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Professor Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Jackson made a motion to approve the September 13, 2011 Minutes seconded by Dr. Aben. The motion carried.

New Business:

A. Health Care Overview – Dr. John Powell gave a comprehensive report on the history of the Health Care Subcommittee and its goals to make the university health care more cost efficient and more responsive to the university staff needs. He outlined the many different points of view and questions encountered as this subcommittee worked its way forward to discover the best health program for all the staff.

B. UCFA member for 5-year review committee of Dr. Jacqueline Wright, Secretary for Academic Governance – Dr. William Donohue will serve on the review committee.

C. MSU Guidelines on Authorship (attachment) - These documents were passed on to the Personnel Policy Subcommittee for review. They will report on their review at the meeting on October 25.

Old Business: No Old Business was noted.

Announcements

1. William Anderson
   a. Welcome to Dr. Stephen Rohs, representing James Madison, and he will serve on UCFA for the 2011 fall semester.
   b. EBS discussion – Dr. David Gift will speak to UCFA on October 11. UCFA members should forward questions to Elva Boyles and she will forward the questions to Dr. Gift.
Announcements

1. William Anderson, continued
   c. Dr. Anderson’s survey revealed that all UCFA meeting documents will be put on the UCFA web site. There will be a reminder e-mail to check the web site.

2. Terry Curry
   a. He distributed the Appointment, Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Recommendations memo from the Provost – this is an annual review. The Personnel Policy Subcommittee will review the memo and may find added points to be reviewed and/or corrected. On October 11, the memo will be brought forward by the subcommittee for the whole UCFA review and approval during their October 11 meeting.
   b. Professor Curry said there will be a search for a new dean for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Additionally he said there will be a number of 5-year dean reviews coming this next year.

3. John Revitte/Linda Jackson
   b. John announced that this meeting was his final meeting as the Faculty Grievance Official, and that Dr. Linda Jackson would now be the FGO. He stated that he appreciated the position support from the UCFA and Professor Terry Curry and Donna Zischke.

4. David Byelich
   a. David reviewed the bill currently proposed by state Representative Robert Genetski (R) that proposes a committee to oversee Michigan’s public universities.
   b. He reported that MSU had moved up in the US News and World Report standings among public institutions from 34 to 27, and in the Washington Monthly among public institutions from 25 to 17.
   c. Representative Genetski has proposed legislation to withhold the full share of public funding from Michigan State University due to MSU’s tuition increase exceeding the mandated 7.1 percent limit. There likely could be more information on this point yet this fall.

Dr. Aben made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees seconded by Professor Helton. The motion carried.

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary