University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012


Ex Officio:  Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others:  John Revitte.

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

Approval of Agenda:  Dr. Olson made an amendment to add two items to Old Business: 1) Fixed Term Appointment, and 2) Librarian Continuing Appointment System.  The agenda was approved as modified.

Approval of Minutes:  Dr. Donohue made a motion to approve the February 14, 2012 Minutes seconded by Dr. Dickson. The motion carried.

Announcements

1. William Anderson
   a. A calendar summarizing the different upcoming events that may affect UCFA was given committee members and it will also be on the web page;
   b. There was a meeting, including Terry Curry, Karl Olson, Terry May, Lee Bollinger and himself (Bill Anderson) following up on the Conflict of Interest policy. They have written responses to some of the items UCFA brought up and there appears to be a resolution of differences.

2. Terry Curry
   a. He reported there are a number of searches ongoing for VPRGS, dean searches for ANR, Vet. Med., etc.
   b. FGO appointment should be made soon.
   c. At the UCFT meeting several weeks ago, the Provost suggested a university-level Promotion and Tenure committee.

3. John Revitte
   a. The Fall 2011 FGO Report was reviewed and points highlighted. (The report is on the UCFA web page.)

New Business:
1. University Research Organization Exploration Committee Report – Dr. Leo Kempel and Dr. Paul Hunt
   Drs. Kempel and Hunt gave a very comprehensive overview of the URO reason for existence and the problems the URO faces in working with faculty, students and staff in avoiding pitfalls in research and its results, reimbursement for services and determining if a particular research project can or should be handled by an academic unit or by the URO. It’s an extremely important unit and its mission is to serve (further) research and be served by research (results of). This presentation was well done and evoked a number of “what if” questions from UCFA members.

Old Business:
1. Provost Review and Questions for Governance Committee - UCFA members may submit questions or comments via email to Dr. Anderson.
2. Fixed-term appointment – Dr. Olson made a motion to accept the language change and will include new and/or reappointment after the date of 2012; Dr. Donohue seconded; the motion carried.
3. Librarian Continuous Appointment System – Dr. Olson made a motion to adopt the policy without substantial comments and move it on to Professor Curry; Dr. Donohue seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Subcommittee Reports:
   Budget: Dr. Anderson reported that the subcommittee is working on the UCFA faculty salary recommendation.
   Personnel Policy: Dr. Olson reported the subcommittee is still working on the assessment report.

Other Questions: No Other Questions were noted.

Dr. Donohue made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees, seconded by Dr. Olson. The motion carried.

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary