University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012


Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Dickson made a motion to approve the March 13, 2012 Minutes seconded by Dr. Rodammer.

New Business:

1. Campus Master Plan – Steve Troost gave an updated report on the “current” master plan including the “future” of the master plan. There are planning principles being used to guide the development of the university campus. He spoke about the campus update according to the “smart growth principles.” The goal of the development is to keep the campus compact. He outlined campus development that appears imminent showing how the future of cars maybe changing to parking on the edge of campus and taking a bus in. It was a very interesting presentation.

2. College of Music memo Concerning Proposed Restructuring of Campus Parking – Professor Deborah Moriarty – She is currently serving as an At-Large member of the 5-member Steering Committee, and this committee has been visiting with college advisory committees and seeking their input and “concerns.” Parking seems to be the top concern, even above salary, in these groups. Parking affects everyone. She stated that MSU is one of the top 100 universities in the USA...due to our outstanding faculty, not due to campus flowers. The outstanding faculty attracts outstanding scholars/students – if faculty cannot find a place to park, then it affects their productivity. With the campus master plan, contributors to this plan must remind themselves that this is a university and it has an academic mission. The College of Music is keenly aware of the parking restrictions due to their own daily performance schedule in the Music Building. With parking becoming more and more restricted, it affects their productivity. The Fairchild Theatre has recently been
New Business:
2. College of Music Memo, continued
   assigned to the College of Music -- again, the limited parking will be a problem that
   will affect the number of people attending the musical events; that, in turn, will affect
   the number of possible donors and ultimately that will affect the college’s future
   financial support. She knows that the general faculty would like to be involved in the
   campus master plan meetings and they should be included in all discussions. The
   Campus Infrastructure Planning Work Group (cipwg), under Associate Provost Linda
   Stanford, is the group to become involved with and they meet once a month.

Old Business:
1. Report of the Ad Hoc Taskforce on University Research Organization Exploration
   Committee – review and approve the URO proposal – Drs. Karl Olson, Gwen Wyatt,
   Bill Schall and Bill Anderson met on this review a number of times. After review of
   the taskforce memo, Dr. Dickson made a motion that UCFA would like to be
   informed when the URO Exploration Committee has reviewed the taskforce
   response letter, and to know UCFA will help the Committee achieve their goals. The
   motion was supported by Dr. Wyatt. The motion carried.

2. Faculty Salary Recommendation – After a review of the memo, Dr. Aben made a
   motion to approve the Recommendation for 2012-13 Faculty Merit and market Pool
   Increase memorandum. Dr. Griffore supported the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements
1. William Anderson
   a. UCFA has only two meetings remaining in this semester: April 10 and 24.
      The final meeting will be a luncheon in the Corniche Room at 12:30 pm.

2. Terry Curry
   a. He reported on the current VP/AVP/Dean searches.

3. John Revitte
   a. As was announced at the March 13 UCFA meeting, Dr. Sheila Teahan is the
      incoming FGO, beginning July 1, and will be working with John acquiring an
      idea of what her new position will entail.

4. David Byelich
   a. He spoke briefly about the two meetings held by the House of
      Representatives Subcommittee on Higher Education of the Standing
      Committee on Appropriations chaired by Representative Bob Genetski:
      March 21, MSU with respondent President Simon; March 28, MSUE and
      AgBio Research with respondent Provost Wilcox.
   b. He also mentioned the current position of FRIB.
Subcommittee Reports:
   Budget: No report was made.
   Personnel Policy: No report was made.

Other Questions: No other questions were noted.

Dr. Aben made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary