University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Members Present: Gerald Aben, William Anderson, Adam Brown, William Donohue, Joe Hauptman, Melanie Helton, Della Hughes, Gerd Kortemeyer, Laura L. Leavitt, Karl Olson, Ralph Putnam, Fred Rodammer and David Sheridan.

Ex Officio: David Byelich.

Others: Sheila Teahan.

Call to Order: Dr. 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 Professor Helton. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Aben made a motion to approve the February 12, 2013 Minutes seconded by Dr. Donohue.

New Business:
1. Dr. Terry May – Conflicts of Interest, Faculty/Academic Staff – Dr. May gave a comprehensive overview of the past year’s activities and challenges to define COI Officer responsibilities. Interaction with many national and foreign governments and formal compliance with NSF/PHS requirements have become standard business fare. Working with the federal law and MSU policy to keep in compliance continues to be challenging. UCFA will receive annual reports from this office.

Old Business:
1. UCFA Resolution: Academic Governance Participation on Long-Standing University Committees and Administrative Units – This resolution was handled and supported in the February 12 UCFA meeting, so as a point of information this resolution goes to Academic Council as the next step in Academic Governance.
2. Microsoft 365 – Ad Hoc Subcommittee report – Dr. Kortemeyer reported that there were more questions about the proposed Microsoft 365 system formulated by the subcommittee than there were answers given by guest University Archives staff Cynthia Ghering. The conclusion is that the Microsoft 365 isn’t a product they wanted to endorse for campus-wide use without more answers to questions.
Announcements
1. William Anderson - No report was made.
2. Terry Curry – No report was made.
3. Sheila Teahan – No report was made.
4. David Byelich - David reported on the current legislative concerns. The newly voted in law concerning the Right to Work has been intertwined with the appropriations to be made to Michigan’s institutions of higher education. With this twist, MSU must now consider the impact of negotiating an extension of union dues provisions with MSU’s labor unions and what the possible effects might be on MSU’s appropriation.

Subcommittee Reports:
  Budget: Dr. Aben reported the subcommittee will be discussing the hypothetical 9-month faculty salary report from Dr. Pigozzi and beginning work on the UCFA merit and market recommendation for 2013.
  Personnel Policy: Dr. Olson reported the subcommittee would be reviewing the FGO data collection process, and that’s being chaired by Dr. Donohue. The Post Tenure Review Policy continues to bring out differences of opinion within the University Committee on Faculty Tenure and UCFA, so it’s still a review in progress.

Other Questions: No other questions were noted.

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

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary