2014-15 University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 13, 2015


Ex Officio: Terry Curry.

Others: William Donohue, Kara Yermak.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson Floyd.

A motion was made by Professor Ezzo and seconded by Professor Besley to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Announcements

A. Phylis A. Floyd – Phylis said that UCFA may need to meet weekly for subcommittees to have time to do their work.

B. Terry Curry – Terry reviewed:
   a. The Issue Brief for the Academic Year (AY) Faculty Partial Month Payments. That issue has been resolved. A motion was made by Professor Aronoff, seconded by Professor Booth, to accept the calendar calculation method to pay the partial month payments. The motion carried.
   b. Background Check Issues – this covers paid appointments, not adjunct appointments. Medical college reps. should be invited to participate in discussion. Hospital staff (adjunct) should be invited to participate. A motion was made by Professor Besley and seconded by Professor Bell to move this issue to the Personnel Policy Subcommittee.

C. William Donohue – Bill proposed two FGO policy changes:
   a. Remove the second cause for appeals (Section 9 of the FGP)
   b. Have the same jurisdictional review process for appeals that we have for the initial grievance. A motion to move these proposed to the Personnel Policy Subcommittee for discussion was made by Professor Besley and seconded by Professor Beaulac. The motion carried.

D. David Byelich – no report.
New Business  
Request to Establish a New Academic Department: Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering. Professors Christlieb, O'Shea and Verboncoeur were present to discuss this request and its possibilities. Professor Besley made a motion seconded by Professor Kortemeyer stating that UCFA has no objection to this program going forward.

Professor John Powell, Interim Secretary for Academic Governance, reviewed his summary of his conversations with Academic Governance leaders among CIC institutions regarding the possible use of “audio Minutes.” He shared links with the various governance webpages for UCFA to review. He inquired about how UCFA felt about the University Council meeting being open or closed and/or recorded? Professor Besley made a motion to table the discussion and complete it before the end of February 2014. Professor Bell supported. The motion carried.

Old Business – No Old Business was noted.

Subcommittee Reports – No Subcommittee Reports were given.

Note: UCFA will meet next Tuesday, January 20, at 1:00 pm in 401 Administration Building.

Adjournment – Professor Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting supported by Professor Gobel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary