University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001


Ex Officio: Robert Banks, David Byelich

Others: Donna Zischke

Co-Chair Gwen Wyatt called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Approval of agenda: The boilerplate agenda to be used for the 2001-02 meeting was approved at the August 28, 2001 meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the October 23, 2001 meeting were approved.

Announcements: Dr. Banks distributed final copies of the Appointment, Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Recommendations document, including UCFA amendments, which had been endorsed by Provost Simon.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: Susan Melnick, Chair. In the absence of Dr. Melnick, Dr. Rumbeiha made the subcommittee report. The Personnel Subcommittee met with Kristine Zayko, General Counsel Office, regarding the Firearms Policy last week. At that time, Ms. Zayko distributed copies of two documents: Employers Permitted To Ban Weapons Under Michigan’s New CCW Law and Michigan State University Ordinances, page 11, point 18.00 regarding Firearms or Weapons. Dr. Banks clarified several of those policy points, but the full Committee felt it was unnecessary to ask Ms. Zayko to join the meeting to discuss anything further. Dr. Potchen made a motion to endorse the policy as it now stands; Dr. LaRose seconded. Motion passed. Drs. Gossain and Wyatt will forward a memo indicating this support to Dr. Norman Abeles, chairperson of the Executive Committee of Academic Council. There was also general consensus that “biological elements” should be considered for a future permanent revision to point 18.02 in the MSU ordinance, “Use of chemicals prohibited.” The Personnel Subcommittee will review this suggestion.

Budget: James Potchen, Chair. Mr. Byelich discussed the two documents he distributed to the full Committee: Faculty Health Care Forum and State Budget Update, October 30, 2001. He also gave an overview of the economic outlook utilizing information from Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics Forecasts [RSQE]. He indicated that he
would e-mail the input regarding the 1%-, 3%-, and 5%-contingency plans regarding state budgets now being considered. He also indicated that the Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Steve Webster, would be joining the full UCFA on Tuesday, November 6, to further review state legislative budget decisions and their effects on MSU’s budget.

Dr. Wyatt then gave a quick overview of the Wednesday, October 24, Health Care Forum where 16 people attended the meeting in the Union Ballroom. She had written down the questions/comments generated during that meeting and spoke from that sheet, UCFA Health Forum Questions, 10/24/01.

Mr. Byelich distributed copies of the MSU Financial Report/Supplement: Other Financial Information, 2000-2001 to the full Committee. After reviewing these reports, he indicated that if the Committee would like him to go through and/or explain the reports, he would be happy to do so.

Old Business: There was no old business noted.

New Business: There was no new business noted.

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles,
Recording Secretary