Members Present: Jonathan Bohlmann, Mei-Wei Chang, Yoonhyeung Choi, William Davidson, John Dirkx, Catherine Ernst, Clark Johnson, Terry Link, Jason Merrill, John W. Powell, Hayder Radha, David Solomon, and Vladimir Zelevinsky.

Ex Officio: Robert Banks, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Co-Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The boilerplate agenda used for the 2006-07 meetings was approved at the August 29, 2006 meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Professor Link to approve the Minutes of August 29, 2006, and Dr. Davidson supported. The motion carried.

Announcements:
- Dr. Powell asked the members to introduce themselves as both Dr. Bohlmann and Dr. Davidson were absent from the August 29 reorganization meeting.
- Representatives need to be appointed for James Madison College and the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Dr. Powell reported that UCFA Co-Chair Dr. Ernst will meet next Monday, September 11, with Dr. Ian Gray, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, and Dr. Glenda Lappan to interview an interim candidate for the assignment as the Faculty Conflict of Interest Information Officer (FCOIIIO). About the same time, a search committee will be set up to find a full-time officer to begin in fall 2007.
- Vice President Gray will attend the October 10th UCFA meeting. He will talk about his mission, looking at MSU as a research institution, looking at the FCOIIIO position, and fielding questions from our subcommittee about the role of the vice president and where MSU is headed in its research domain and also inquiring about some of his concerns about MSU’s research emphasis presently.
- Provost Wilcox will attend UCFA on Tuesday, October 3rd, for coffee and dessert from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. to be held in room 443A.
Dr. Powell reported on the August 29th Faculty Council meeting. Their agenda will be extensive this year with governance issues being brought before it
  - They will also look into reinvigorating MSU as an undergraduate institution.
  - The VIC (Voice Implementation Committee) completed its work on the five Task Force Committees and the reports have been published. Copies of that information were distributed before today's UCFA meeting.
  - There is a proposal to move the School of Music out of the College of Arts and Letters and establishing it as the College of Music.
  - There will be lengthy discussion on the combination and governance of functions of both the University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT) and UCFA Personnel Policy Subcommittee – also discussion on the interaction between Athletic Council and academic governance.

Provost Wilcox is implementing the LaSalle Club, a faculty social hour, to meet monthly on the third Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the first meeting to be held on September 21st - invitations are forthcoming. This will assist the 2,000 (tenure stream) faculty to meet and “network” with their colleagues.

Professor John Revitte distributed copies of the Faculty Grievance Office *End of Spring Semester 2006 Report*.

**Subcommittee Reports:** Neither subcommittee met after the August 29th meeting, so there were no reports.

**Old Business:** No old business was noted.

**New Business:** No new business was noted.

Dr. Davidson made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees and Dr. Solomon supported the motion. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary