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, and Vladimir Zelevinsky.

Ex Officio: Robert Banks, David Byelich.

Others: 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: There were three corrections to the September 5, 2006 Minutes. Under Announcements (corrections underlined and bolded):

Fifth bullet
   Provost Wilcox will attend UCFA on October 3rd for coffee and dessert from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. to be held in room 443A.

Sixth bullet
   Dr. Powell reported on the August 29th Faculty Council meeting. Their Agenda will be extensive this year with governance issues being brought before it. —understanding how the committees spend time on process but the outcome appears minimal.

Seventh bullet
   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 4,000 2,000 (tenure stream) faculty to meet and “network” with their colleagues.

A motion was made by Dr. Davidson, supported by Dr. Zelevinsky, to approve the Minutes of September 5, 2006 as amended. The motion carried.
Announcements:

- Dr. Powell introduced new College of Veterinary Medicine representative Professor Patricia Schenck.
- Dr. Powell reported on attending last week’s September 5th Executive Committee of Academic Council (ECAC) meeting. President Simon spoke about the changes in the academic setting and the role of higher education – years ago higher education was the solution to economic change and growth, and then higher education was suddenly the problem and the money drain – now higher education is once again one of the solutions to the economic problems. President Simon discussed the Spellings and Miller Reports regarding the future (http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/reports.html) role of higher education where it will go. Universities will be held more accountable for future budgets than they may have been in the past.
- Also during ECAC, Provost Wilcox commented on the work done by ECAC and the work they did during the past year. He also was very pleased with the North Central Accreditation that MSU just went through with extremely high marks. The National Research Council will be doing an evaluation this year – this is the more central evaluation report for research institutions – it’s important that the university do very well on this review as it is what gives the national rankings and ratings covering the research area of MSU.
- Faculty Voice Task Force I report was accepted by ECAC and referred to the Voice Implementation Committee – this is a subcommittee that looks at the details and makes recommendation for it. Task Force IV and V reports have been referred back for additional work. Task Force reports II and III have been placed on the agenda for Faculty Council today and ECAC for September 26. The Faculty Council meetings will be held in the Radiology Auditorium for the 2006-07 year thanks to the gracious invitation of Dr. Potchen, chairperson this year.
- Dr. Ernst reported Dr. Powell and she were referred by Dr. Gray to meet with Dr. Terry May as someone knowledgeable in the conflict of interest area. He may be a good interim person to fill the Conflict of Interest Officer position while the position is being more defined. They had a good meeting regarding the position requirements and putting a position manual together. A Search Committee will be formed to look for candidates for the FCOIOI position.
- Dr. Banks spoke briefly about the annual problem of having the 90 some departments submit forms in a timely manner for faculty and graduate assistants recently hired or appointed each fall – all those forms arrive in mass in early August. Faculty, graduate assistants, and department staff become concerned when their paychecks, parking permits, or health care benefits are delayed. He said he is about to retire and has been reminding units about this deadline since 1979 – definitely an ongoing annual problem.

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Subcommittee Reports:

**Budget:** John Dirkx, Chairperson. Dr. Dirkx reported that the UCFA Health Care Subcommittee will tentatively meet on Thursday, September 21st and reorganize for the 2006-07 year. They will be moving along with their regular budget discussions incorporating outside topics as they come up.

**Personnel Policy:** Terry Link and David Solomon, Co-Chairpersons. Professor Link reported that the tuition waiver information is expected from the UCFA college representatives next Monday, September 18. He expects to summarize the comments and provide them for discussion during the September 19th subcommittee meeting. Kristine Zayko from the General Counsel Office will attend the subcommittee meeting on September 26th and help begin to work through some of the Outside Work for Pay issues. Dr.
Solomon sent out a solicitation for nominations for the Dismissal for Cause Review Officer without a deadline issued at this point.

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

**New Business:** Professor Link made a motion to bring the Task Force I report before the full UCFA for discussion; Dr. Dirkx supported. Since ECAC won't meet again until October 10, it was decided there was ample time to discuss this within subcommittee. Professor Link rescinded his motion, and Dr. Dirkx withdrew his support. Dr. Dirkx made a motion to discuss the Task Force I report on Tuesday, October 3, at 1:15 p.m. (prior to Provost Wilcox's visiting at 2:00 p.m. that same day); Professor Link supported the motion. The motion passed. Discussion on October 3 will allow Dr. Powell to summarize the ideas on paper for presentation to ECAC on October 10.

Dr. Zelevinsky made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees and Dr. Merrill supported the motion. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary