Members Present: Jonathan Bohlmann, Mei-Wei Chang, Yoonhyeung Choi, William Davidson, John Dirkx, Clark Johnson, Terry Link, Jason Merrill, Anna Pegler-Gordon, John W. Powell, Hayder Radha, Patricia Schenck, David Solomon, 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: A motion was made by Professor Link to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2006, supported by Professor Johnson. The motion carried.

Announcements:
- Dr. Powell reported that Faculty Council, meeting in the Radiology Building Auditorium this year, had several action items in their September 12th meeting. The Task Force II report, dealing with upper administration review, was accepted by Faculty Council and moved on to the President’s Office for review, comments, and suggestions regarding implementation processes or problems or pitfalls in actually implementing the kinds of structures needed to do this. President Simon will address this in her report and the President’s Office evaluation of that report returned to Faculty Council at their October 17th.
- The Task Force III report reviewing academic programs is in a similar position as Task Force II in moving their report along, waiting for President Simon’s review and recommendation.
- The Task Force I report has been referred to the Faculty Voice Implementation Committee (VIC) and their recommendations should be available perhaps by October 10th Executive Committee of Academic Council (ECAC) or October 17th Faculty Council.
- There was also a motion made in Faculty Council to establish a Council on Liberal Learning to address the issues of undergraduate programming in the liberal education that MSU provides. Presently it is being evaluated to determine the appropriate way to establish this Council and bring it to life.
College, and the other UCFA members introduced themselves to her. She will join the Budget Subcommittee for the fall semester.

Dr. Dirkx reported on his attending breakfast with the MSU Board of Trustees (BOT) as a Faculty Liaison and BOT meeting. Dr. Catherine Ernst was unavailable to attend this meeting and Dr. Dirkx attended in her absence. During the meeting, Vice President Gray reported that MSU had received, in gifts, contracts and grants for FY 2006-07, $106,087,371. Another action was the Board showed support for President Simon by extending her contract for five additional years. All in all, there were a number of interesting reports and he enjoyed this opportunity.

Subcommittee Reports:

**Budget:** *John Dirkx, Chairperson* Dr. Dirkx reported that the subcommittee indicated they would attend the Health Care Policy Forum. Also, David Byelich made a “big picture” presentation (what’s going on nationally) on different aspects of the budget – financing trends, modeling, etc.

**Personnel Policy:** *Terry Link and David Solomon, Co-Chairpersons* Professor Link reported that the subcommittee looked briefly at the Task Force I Report on the reorganization of academic governance. It was quickly determined that subcommittee members needed more time to read it and put it on next week’s agenda. They will look further at the Tuition Waiver proposal and review nominations for the Dismissal for Cause panel positions. Dr. Powell reported that Terry May will become the interim project leader for the FCOIIIO while filling the position, and work will begin on organizing a handbook.

**Old Business:** Dr. Banks distributed copies of two documents: *Tenure and Citizenship and Permanent Resident Status* and *Tenure & Immigration Status*. This is an important topic and the University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT) will also be reviewing it. Dr. Dirkx made a motion to move this topic in to the Personnel Policy Subcommittee for their review and discussion; Professor Link support. The motion carried.

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

**Adjournment:** Dr. Dirkx made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees; Dr. Merrill supported. The motion carried. UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary