University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Members Present: Jonathan Bohlmann, Mei-Wei Chang, Yoonhyeung Choi, William Davidson, John Dirkx, Catherine Ernst, 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: John Revitte, Donna Zischke, and Dr. Ian Gray, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.

Call to Order: Co-Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced guest speaker Vice President Ian Gray, who is Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. He is an interesting, candid speaker and gave an overview of his office’s responsibilities and his perspective on MSU now being better known as a university that is not just “research intensive,” but most definitely “research extensive.”

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 Dr. Solomon to approve the October 3, 2006 Minutes, and Dr. Dirkx supported. The motion carried.

Announcements: Professor John Revitte, Faculty Grievance Official, distributed copies of the End of SUMMER SEMESTER 2006 Report.

Subcommittee Reports:

Budget: John Dirkx, Chairperson Dr. Dirkx reported that his subcommittee did not meet last week. Renee Rivard and Chris Hanna, from Human Resources, will meet with them next week.

Personnel Policy: Terry Link and David Solomon, Co-Chairpersons Dr. Solomon reported that he continues to receive comments on the Faculty Outside Work for Pay policy. That policy has been approved and he would like to receive all comments and questions in order to bring them to the subcommittee, but he would also like to finish up review in a timely manner. This policy does have ambiguities, but the subcommittee’s idea is to look at all the comments and determine what should be done to complete this review. Kristine Zayko, General Counsel Office, will assist with this project in the coming weeks.

Old Business: Dr. Banks reviewed the historical perspective of the Appointment, Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Recommendations memo which UCFA is now reviewing. Dr. Solomon made a motion to endorse this memo as amended with support by Dr. Davidson. The motion carried.
New Business: David Byelich reviewed *The 2007-08 Appropriation Request* and responded to comments and questions. The document will go before the MSU Board of Trustees on Friday, October 20, for their approval, and it will be put on the UCFA web site after that meeting. Dr. Davidson made a motion that UCFA acknowledges receipt of *The 2007-08 Appropriation Request*, accepts its proposal, and recommends its availability to the faculty following the Board of Trustees’ approval; Dr. Dirkx supported the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Davidson made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees, supported by Dr. Dirkx. The motion carried.

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary