MINUTES
Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Members Present: Jonathan Bohlmann, Philip Cusick, William Davidson, Catherine Ernst, Clark Johnson, Terry Link, Jason Merrill, John W. Powell, Patricia Schenck, 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: Dr. Merrill made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2007 supported by Dr. Davidson. Without objection, the motion carried.

Announcements:
- Dr. Powell stated there would be a Faculty Council meeting later this afternoon.
- Dr. Powell reminded members this Thursday is the “Provost’s Third Thursday” gathering in the LaSalle Club level of the stadium.
- Dr. Banks inquired on the progress of the UCFA faculty salary recommendations in relation to the remaining spring academic governance meetings. This is with the thought of getting the recommendations through the “system” in a timely manner. It appears to be on schedule.
- Academic Council meets next week, March 20. Dr. Powell needs to make a Standing Report on UCFA activities, and he asked Professor Link (and Dr. Solomon) to compose a short report on the UCFA Personnel Policy Subcommittee accomplishments and get that to him this coming week.
- Dr. Banks inquired when the Outside Work for Pay policy could be considered completed and that will be an action item for the March 20th meeting.
- Dr. Powell reported that the Executive Committee of Academic Council moved the recommendation for the Faculty Service Recognition Program to the Provost’s Office for further consideration.
- Dr. Powell reminded members that college academic governance elections are now in progress, and everyone should vote and encourage colleagues to participate.

Subcommittee Reports

Budget: Catherine Ernst, Acting Chairperson  Dr. Ernst reported that her subcommittee continued salary discussions. The subcommittee plans to have the UCFA 2007-08 faculty salary recommendations formed by March 27 for review.

Personnel Policy: Terry Link and David Solomon, Co-Chairpersons  With the absence of Dr. Solomon today and having Professor Link be absent last week, the subcommittee report was made by Dr. Merrill – the subcommittee is currently reviewing in-place policies and they will put them forth for updating if or when that is necessary.

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

- **CIC Provosts’ Statement on Publishing Agreements** – Professor Link made a motion stating that UCFA accepted and discussed the report; it was supported by Dr. Davidson. There was concern on how it might be implemented.

- Faculty Voice Task Force I update and motion and substitute motion on Central Governance Organizations. Dr. Powell made an update report on this information, and no action was required or taken by UCFA.

- **MSU’s Religious Observance Policy** – Professor Link made a motion to endorse the policy recommendation made by the University Committee on Academic Policy recommendation (UCAP), seconded by Dr. Zelevinsky. This policy has been in discussion by ASMSU for about four years. One major problem has been students being responsible for exams on religious holidays since everyone does not have the same religious observances/holidays. The vote on the motion was: “Yes” – 1 and “No” – 8.

- **Request for Consultation: Lyman Briggs School of Science to Return to College Status** - Professor Johnson made a motion that UCFA support this proposal, supported by Dr. Schenck. The motion carried.

Dr. Powell reminded committee members that the Diversity Program would be Wednesday, March 14, at 4 pm and Dr. Banks is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Awards at the 2007 All-University Excellence in Diversity Awards Ceremony.

**Adjournment:** Without objection, UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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