University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Members Present: Jonathan Bohlmann, Philip Cusick, William Davidson, Catherine Ernst, Clark Johnson, Jason Merrill, John W. Powell, Hayder Radha, 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: Without objection, the Minutes of March 20, 2007 were approved.

Announcements:

- Dr. Powell reported that Faculty Council was holding a special meeting this afternoon at 3:15 pm to allow Task Force I to make a special presentation of their report. The Faculty Council will go into a Committee as a Whole and this will allow open discussion of the task force structure, and it will adjourn at 5 pm and, as well, the Faculty Council will adjourn. He encouraged UCFA members to encourage and talk with their colleagues and get their input on their feelings about the different aspects of the task force.
- Dr. Powell reported that Dr. Simmons told him that Lyman Briggs had an agreement with the College of Natural Science to continue holding their graduation ceremonies together. She also stated the LBC would hold elections to seat representatives on the different academic governance committees.
- David Byelich reported that last Thursday or Friday, the senate approved the Governor’s Executive Order, and it will now go before the House. The payment from the state to MSU is being deferred briefly, they have said; if the payment deferral is made later this year, that will be good; if the deferral payment is never made good, the university budget will be truly close and budget refiguring will occur for the campus.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Budget: Catherine Ernst, Acting Chairperson Dr. Powell reported that they will be inserting more figures in the faculty salary recommendations to be ready for next week.
- Personnel Policy: Terry Link and David Solomon, Co-Chairpersons Dr. Merrill reported that the subcommittee continues to review five different policies.

Old Business: No old business was noted.

New Business: No new business was noted.

Dr. Davidson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Merrill. The motion carried.
Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary