University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Members Present: Jonathan Bohlmann, Philip Cusick, William Davidson, Catherine Ernst, Clark Johnson, Terry Link, Jason Merrill, John W. Powell, Hayder Radha, David Solomon, and Vladimir Zelevinsky.

Ex Officio: Robert Banks, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte.

Call to Order: Co-Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The boilerplate agenda used for the 2006-07 meetings was approved at the August 29, 2006 meeting.

Dr. Ernst made a motion to bring the salary proposal on the agenda seconded by Dr. David Solomon. Without objection that will be under New Business, item b.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Ernst and Dr. Davidson noted a spelling correction under Announcements, second bullet:

She also stated the LBC would hold elections to seat representatives on the different academic governance committees.

Dr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2007, and Dr. Solomon seconded. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

Announcements:

Dr. Powell once again reminded UCFA members to contact their own college faculty and encourage them to read the Task Force I recommendations and then contact their own college Faculty Council representatives. It is very important that faculty be heard and involved during this changing time in academic governance.

Subcommittee Reports:

Budget: Catherine Ernst, Acting Chairperson Dr. Ernst reported that discussion continued on their work on the faculty salary recommendations. Their recommendation is on the UCFA agenda (today) under New Business.

Personnel Policy: Terry Link and David Solomon, Co-Chairpersons Professor Link reported that his subcommittee did not meet last week.

Old Business: No old business was noted.

New Business:

- Dr. Solomon, on behalf of one of his faculty, brought up an information item the marriage amendment litigation that is testing the MSU policy on providing domestic partner benefits. After a brief discussion with historical perspective added, it was noted that this topic will be revisited again as legal decisions are determined and it is not being forgotten.
- Dr. Ernst brought the draft Recommendation for 2007-08 Faculty Salary Increase memorandum prepared by the Budget subcommittee for the full UCFA review. After a full discussion and
wordsmithing of the draft document, Dr. Ernst made a motion to approve the memo and Dr. Davidson seconded. The vote was 10 to 1 approval. The memo will be forwarded to Dr. Wilcox with an information copy to Faculty Council for their April 10th agenda.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary