University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Members Present: Mei-Wei Chang, John Dirkx, Jason Merrill, Deborah Moriarty, Shawn Nicholson, Wei Peng, John Powell, Hayder Radha, Patricia Schenck, and David Solomon.

Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The boilerplate agenda used for the 2007-08 meetings was approved at the August 28, 2007 meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Powell stated that seeing no corrections, comments, concerns, or alterations and without objection, the September 11, 2007 Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Announcements:

Dr. Powell briefly addressed the Faculty Council’s agenda for today.

- Dr. Powell stated there is a special rule being proposed for Faculty Council that would identify emeriti faculty as individuals to be at Faculty Council meetings where they would have voice but no vote. That will be voted on today.
- Last year, UCFA reviewed a document from the CIC Provost committee on the author’s rights and statement addendum that had to do with the recommendation by the CIC Provosts to consider adding an addendum that whenever faculty write papers or submit for publication, and the addendums they collectively approved over several iterations from the different institutions, in essence states when you contract to have your work published, try to get these addendums added in. One is to be able to give you consistent access to your own information for distribution in your teaching, research, and presentations. Some journals are so restrictive. Also, it suggests a second addendum that would give you unlimited electronic and distribution access six months after hard copy publication, and if the journal doesn’t go on line, it doesn’t have an online version, that you be allowed to put it online in your courses. The third addendum is that your institution also has the opportunity to use your work in its promotions and functions. These have been edited a number of times, and this is the result.
- There will be a motion on the floor today to actually address three components of Task Force I: 1) the concept of the TSC, replacing Executive Council; 2) the committee structures; and 3) deals with whether its University Council, Faculty Council, Academic Council and the naming and the sequencing of events. This is an action motion that will establish these three different categories for subsequent motions so that the deliberation of each of those three components of Task Force I reports will be agenda items to act on rather than the continuing volume open discussion material that they’ve had to deal with.
A small committee comprised of Dr. Harold Hughes (chair), Dr. Jacqueline Wright, and Dr. Powell met this summer and they looked at how Faculty Council was run last year. If Faculty Council, in effect, adopts *Roberts Rules*, they should be followed when it’s appropriate. There will be a motion to establish a working committee appointed by the chair to act as a Rules Committee and if there are issues to be address, this committee will make whatever motions are necessary to get whatever rules are done and to restore order to the meeting.

Also on the agenda today will be the Civility Task Force Report.

MSU, as an institution, received an award from The Truman Trust Scholarship Fund for its participation in the scholarship program. In the last ten years, MSU has had 15 Truman Scholars which is very high. The Truman Scholarship is a nationally afforded scholarship dealing in the area of public policy and public service.

Dr. Curry mentioned that Provost Wilcox fielded a question during his MULTI presentation earlier today: "What happens if the state of Michigan shuts down?" The provost answered "We’ll keep going.” David Byelich explained that the university has prepared for this possibility and spoke MSU’s budget, the research and grants awarded.

Professor John Revitte distributed copies of the Spring Semester 2007 Report, and gave an overview of the contents of the report. He iterated the report regarding that there may be a revision of the 35-year-old *Faculty Grievance Procedure* and the decade old *FGO’s User Manual* and spoke about the areas of possible change.

Donna Zischke reported that there were about 700 faculty eligible to the Faculty Recognition Ceremony with about 250 attending of which three faculty were still active faculty. This ceremony will recognize faculty every five years of their employment.

The Provost’s Third Thursday event will meet this Thursday, September 20, on the LaSalle Level in the Stadium from 4:00-6:00 pm.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Budget:** *John Dirkx, Chairperson* Dr. Dirkx reported that the subcommittee used their meeting time to brainstorm their fall agenda. They will begin today with David discussing modeling.

**Personnel Policy:** *Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair* The subcommittee addressed the Task Force II Report on Administrative Review and discussed and identified areas they want to review during this month.

**Health Care Options Task Force Subcommittee.** Dr. Powell gave a brief report stating that the HCPTF will give their report about Tuesday, October 2, and the HCPTF will meet again Thursday, September 27.

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

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

**Other Questions:** Professor Shawn Nicholson inquired about the *Dubai Project* and how it was doing. David Byelich gave UCFA a brief outline of the project, what is being worked on presently, and what will be coming up relatively soon. The project is very active presently. Dr. Dirkx suggested that someone be asked to come in and speak to UCFA about the project.

Dr. Solomon made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees supported by Dr. Merrill. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 1:47 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary