University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Members Present: Mei-Wei Chang, William Davidson, Jason Merrill, Edward Morash, Deborah Moriarty, Shawn Nicholson, John Powell, Hayder Radha, Patricia Schenck, and Vladimir Zelevinsky.

Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:03 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. Merrill asked that, under the Personnel Policy subcommittee report, Task Force I should be Task Force II. Dr. Powell noted that the Minutes date should be for October 2, not October 9. Dr. Powell stated that seeing no other corrections, comments, concerns, or alterations, and without objection, the October 2, 2007 Minutes stand approved as corrected.

Announcements:

- John Revitte, Faculty Grievance Official, distributed copies of the Annual Report of the Faculty Grievance Official to the Academic Council from August 28, 2006 Through August 26, 2007. He explained the report and gave the background that makes up the numbers in the report.
- Dr. Powell gave a brief review of the agenda for Faculty Council meeting later this afternoon. Everything on their agenda is out on the web page for perusal.

Subcommittee Reports:

Budget: John Dirkx, Chairperson Dr. Davidson reported on that the Budget Subcommittee has been working on securing cost numbers to Employee/Professional Development for faculty – they will look over material they have secured. They will also be looking over the draft 2008-09 appropriation request – UCFA should look the material distributed to the full committee today and plan to discuss it next week. The Health Care Task Force report appears to be coming together sooner then originally thought – they want to move it along as quickly as possible.

Personnel Policy: Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair A report was made by Dr. Merrill. The subcommittee continued working on their response to the Task Force II report regarding Administrator Review. They worked on the draft response that Dr. Merrill had drawn up and the second draft is out being reviewed one more time. The subcommittee also talked a little about the Fall Break Proposal and they will begin discussing that in their meeting today.
Old Business: No old business was noted.

New Business: Dr. Davidson made a motion to have an informal session to discuss the Task Force I report; Dr. Merrill seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Powell wanted the discussion so that he would get a sense of UCFA members’ thought and feelings regarding the Task Force I report and its possible implications. A good discussion followed with the sharing many pros and cons. Dr. Powell noted that there may be an additional informal discussion of where UCFA fits and how can UCFA better communicate with their constituents.

Other Questions: No other question was noted.

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

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary