University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES
Tuesday, October 23, 2007


Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:04 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 October 16, 2007 Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Announcements:
- Dr. Powell reported that the Academic Council agenda for today has three information items for today.
- David Byelich reported on the progress of the state budget machinations.

Subcommittee Reports:
- Budget: John Dirkx, Chairperson  Dr. Davidson reported that the subcommittee continues to track the state budget situation, try to get cost estimates on the recommendation for faculty to receive the privilege of taking courses at no cost, and the health care benefits task force report details.
- Personnel Policy: Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair  Since a quick turn around time was necessary to meet the November 1 publishing deadline, the review of the Provost’s annual memorandum regarding Appointment, Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Recommendations took precedence over the work on other document review.

Old Business:  Dr. Merrill addressed the Task Force II Report which recommended some new procedures and structures in academic governance. The full committee reviewed the draft letter prepared by the Personnel Policy Subcommittee, and a good discussion followed with the sharing of many good points of view.

New Business:
- Dr. Merrill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Schenck, to change the order of the October 30 UCFA so that the subcommittees meet at 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and have the full UCFA meet at 2:00 pm. Dr. John Hudzik will speak to UCFA on the Dubai Project at 2:15 pm. The motion carried.
Dr. Powell noted that the MSU Board of Trustees would meet this coming Friday and he will report on the meeting next week.

Other Questions: No other questions were noted.

Dr. Davidson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dr. Merrill. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary