
Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 October 23, 2007 Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Announcements:
Dr. Powell briefly reported that:
- The Capital Campaign has been successful
- The Quality Fund disbursements have made changes possible in units where they definitely wouldn’t have been possible otherwise;
- Congratulated the Physics-Astronomy Department for their Adjunct Professor Albert Fert, winner of the Nobel Prize as announced by the Nobel Foundation - the 2007 Physics Nobel Prize will be shared in equal parts between Albert Fert, Université Paris-Sud (France) (also Adjunct Professor at MSU) and Peter Grünberg, Forschungszentrum Jülich (Germany), "for the discovery of Giant Magnetoresistance;"
- The state appropriation exceeded the level of anticipated support and the spring tuition and fee rates will be reduced by $2.50 per credit plus all students enrolled spring semester for 5 credits or more will receive a $27.00 lump sum award;
- The work is about to begin on creating an underpass for Farm Lane to go under the railroad tracks – this will be about a 2-year project;
- Dr. Powell will be attending the CIC conference this coming Thursday and he will report on it next week.

Subcommittee Reports:
- **Budget:** John Dirkx, Chairperson  Dr. Davidson reported that the subcommittee continues to work on the possible cost for faculty to receive the privilege of taking courses at no cost and to complete the health care benefits task force report details.
- **Personnel Policy:** Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair  Dr. Merrill reported that the subcommittee reviewed the paragraph regarding Occupational Health and Safety Rules and Regulations. They also began drafting a response regarding the
Proposal to Establish a Fall Semester Study Break.

Old Business:
- Dr. Merrill reported that the Personnel Policy subcommittee had reviewed and moved to accept the Occupational Health and Safety Rules and Regulations paragraph and have it become part of the policy. Dr. Davidson made a motion to accept the paragraph as it is and have it become part of the policy, and Dr. Solomon seconded. The motion carried.
- Dr. Merrill reported that the Personnel Policy subcommittee had reviewed and moved for acceptance the proposed changes for the Provost’s annual memo regarding Appointment, Reappointment, Tenure, and promotion Recommendations. Dr. Solomon made a motion to support the recommendation and Dr. Schenck seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Dr. Merrill made a motion that the Personnel Policy memo response regarding the Task Force II Recommendations on Administrator Review be moved on to the ECAC, and Dr. Schenck seconded. After some discussion, Dr. Davidson made a motion to postpone the vote until the November 6 UCFA meeting and it was seconded by Dr. Moriarty. The motion carried.

New Business: No new business was noted.

Other Questions: No other questions were noted.

Dr. Powell introduced Dr. John Hudzik, Vice President for Global Engagement and Strategic Projects. He spoke about the Dubai Project and the opportunity for MSU to establish a program there.

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary