University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 8, 2008


Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 December 4, 2007 Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Announcements:
- Dr. Powell announced that the Executive Committee of Academic Council would meet later today.
- David Byelich spoke briefly about the state budget activities.
- Dr. Solomon reported about his attending the December 2007 Board of Trustees meeting in place of Dr. Powell. There was a discussion regarding graduate education and the fact that there are relatively few scholarships available for graduate study and where more money might be found to support graduate study.
- Dr. Curry made a “FYI” announcement saying that there is a movement going to organize the fixed term faculty here.

Subcommittee Reports:
- Budget: John Dirkx, Chairperson The Budget Subcommittee discussed the upcoming speakers for their subcommittee: January 22, David Gift; speaking about administrative software; January 29, Terry Link; speaking about sustainability issues; February 5, Mike Rice speaking about parking issues. David Gift and Terry Link will address only the subcommittee; Mike Rice will address the full committee. They also discussed some of the upcoming issues that the subcommittee will be discussing during the spring semester.

- Personnel Policy: Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair The Personnel Policy Subcommittee completed their review of the FGO survey documents that will be used in the spring to evaluate the FGO.

Old Business:
- Dr. Merrill distributed copies of the link address for the FGO survey: http://www.ippsr.msu.edu/ss/ wsb.dll/clarkk/FGO.htm. The subcommittee asked that the survey be reviewed and if there are any comments or questions, please address them to John Revitte at fgo@msu.edu. This will be on the agenda under old business for next week to complete the final
Dr. Davidson made a motion that the report be released for review and suggestions; that it be put on the UCFA web site for full review; two meetings be set up for faculty to attend and review/comment on the report; and that any suggested alternations to the report meet the duel criteria that any suggested options for future consideration in the health care benefits area meet the criteria of improving health and managing costs and be based on some solid evidence. Dr. Solomon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**New Business:** Dr. Powell asked for any corrections to his draft report on UCFA fall semester activities for the Secretary for Academic Governance Office. A motion was made by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Dirkx, to accept this report detailing the summary of UCFA activities for the past fall semester 2007 and planned activities for spring semester 2008. The motion carried.

**Other Questions:** No other questions were noted.

Dr. Merrill made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees and Dr. Zelevinsky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary