University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008


Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:00 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. Davidson asked that, under Announcements-2nd point, the number of outside participants at the health care meeting be corrected from “four to two outside participants.” Dr. Powell stated that seeing no other corrections, comments, concerns, or alterations, and without objection, the January 22, 2008 Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Announcements:

- Dr. Powell stated that the Faculty Council met January 22 and two votes were taken: 1) They wanted to consider modifications in the governance system; 2) They wanted to consider the concept of The Steering Committee (TSC). There were different aspects and points of view to consider prior to voting. The Academic Council has a light agenda for today’s meeting, and so there will be a special Faculty Council to further discuss some of the remaining issues.
- Dr. Powell said he made a report to Faculty Council about the health care report and the task force and stated that this subcommittee is not out to destroy any benefits.
- David Byelich reported that governor will give the State of the State tonight.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Budget:** John Dirkx, Chairperson Dr. Dirkx reported that Dr. David Gift visited with the subcommittee – he was informative speaking about the administrative software and ended his visit speaking about ANGEL and recent events causing “down time.” Dr. Gift would like to hear directly from anyone having difficulties with ANGEL. Mike Rice from Police and Public Safety will attend UCFA next week and address the full group.

- **Personnel Policy:** Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair A brief report was given by Dr. Zelevinsky and he reported that the FGO evaluation survey is ready to go out.

Old Business: No old business was noted.
New Business: No new business was noted.

Other Questions: Mike Rice from Police and Public Safety will be attending the meeting next week. The following questions will be given to him to answer during the meeting:

1) How much money does the university make from ticketing faculty cars at parking meters?
2) What are the long-term plans in terms of moving parking to the peripheral of campus?
3) What is the university definition of a person crossing the street – if the person is approaching a crosswalk or standing at the curb? At what point does a driver stop for crossing – all crosswalks or only those specially marked?
4) The crosswalk at Auditorium and Farm Lane is especially difficult during the morning and mid-day class change times – there is absolutely not time for turning from Auditorium on to Farm Lane – students take up the full 30 seconds for their crossing and there is no turn allowed on red. Consequently there is minimal traffic movement, maximum driver impatience, and maximum verbal reminders by students that “I’m a student and I can cross whenever and wherever I want.” That intersection is a big bottleneck for vehicles. It might help to have an authority figure present monitoring students crossing with the lights in a timely manner.
5) How many parking stickers to all different levels are sold (higher price, of course) for campus parking in relation to the number of available parking spaces?
6) How many parking spaces are owned (administrative or otherwise) and unavailable for anyone to park in? The library parking lot and the Computer Center have many “owned” spaces.
7) What percentage of the revenues coming in on parking tickets are from students, graduate assistant, staff, faculty, and administration?
8) What is the different between parking violations and parking misdemeanors (such as driving through the “out” gate instead of going through the “in” gate – it is a $500 fine and a misdemeanor).
9) Are tickets given to CATA bus drivers? They speed all over campus and they don’t seem to receive tickets.
10) Who keeps track of the buses and if they go through all of the routes?
11) What is the progress on the elimination of the turn circles...and are they all being eliminated? Now there are gigantic intersections that take a full vacation to walk across. There are more and more people with handicaps walking on campus – and, traffic (buses, cars, trucks, etc.) go faster than the posted limit.
12) How much is spent on putting in/taking out traffic intersections?
13) What are the construction plans for this summer? Last summer was incredibly complicated to get around campus.
14) What about if you have to take children to and from appointments or going for your own appointments – parking in Mt. Hope is almost impossible. Who made the 20/20 Plan decisions regarding moving parking to the peripheral lots?
15) What are the campus accident rates?
16) The bike lanes are virtually unused – what about their future? What does the 20/20 Plan say?
17) Don’t cyclists have to obey street laws the same as automobiles? What is the accident rate of cyclist/pedestrian accidents?
18) What is the projected parking permit rate we’ll be paying next time? Who sets parking sticker rates and why they have gone up 50 percent in the last six years?
19) Why has there never been a sidewalk extension installed by Cowles House? Is that parking going to be eliminated by the 20/20 Plan?
20) What is the accident rate in front of Sparty now that the traffic pattern has been changed? That is almost an impossible intersection to survive.
21) Why are students allowed to drive on campus during the day? They didn’t use to be able to drive on campus until after 6:00 pm.
22) What is the highest parking fine a student(s) has received on campus?
23) What input does the campus have with CATA? Everyone should be held responsible for driving offenses.
24) Why are the parking ramp/parking lot gates up? Who decides when they’re up or who should be called to repair them? Who should be called if there is damage by the gate bar to an automobile or motorcycle (or person)?
25) Will there ever be a bus route developed for from main campus out to the Diagnostic Center? Students aren’t allowed to park out there and the building is so far from campus to walk or bicycle in bad weather – what’s the solution?

Dr. Schenck made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees seconded by Professor Moriarty. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary