University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Members Present: 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.

There wasn’t a quorum and Dr. Powell couldn’t convene the meeting, so he spoke informally about the current academic governance activities.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. when the meeting quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda: The boilerplate agenda used for the 2007-08 meetings was approved at the August 28, 2007 meeting. Seeing no additions or corrections and without objection, the agenda for today remains as distributed.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Powell stated that seeing no corrections, comments, concerns, or alterations, and without objection, the March 18, 2008 Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Announcements: Dr. Powell covered the academic governance activities during the early part of UCFA when there wasn’t a quorum.

Subcommittee Reports:

Budget: John Dirkx, Chairperson In the absence of Dr. Dirkx, Dr. Powell reported that the subcommittee continued working on the faculty salary recommendation letter.

Personnel Policy: Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair Dr. Merrill reported that the subcommittee continued discussing the FGO survey results.

Old Business: No old business was noted.

New Business: No new business was noted.

Other Questions:

❖ Professor Nicholson spoke briefly about the “communication gap” that many faculty seem to feel – the disconnected line of communications between members of different academic governance committees and their colleagues. It’s still a major problem.

❖ David Byelich discussed the faculty salary and compensation information that was considered by the Budget Subcommittee when the faculty salary recommendation was being written. There are many points to review when considering solutions for salary and compensation recommendations. UCFA will consider and vote on the 2008-09
faculty salary increase recommendation letter during next week’s meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles  
Recording Secretary