
Ex Officio: David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

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. Dirkx noted an extraneous word, “there,” in the Call to Order statement. Dr. Powell stated that seeing no other corrections, comments, concerns, or alterations, and without objection, the March 25, 2008 Minutes stand approved as amended.

Announcements:

- Dr. Powell reported Academic Council met last week with a light agenda. He gave a brief overview of the meeting discussions.
- On April 15, UCFA will meet in the Cornish Room in Kellogg Center at 12:30 pm for lunch. More information will follow.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Budget: John Dirkx, Chairperson The subcommittee did not meet.
- Personnel Policy: Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair The subcommittee did not meet.

Old Business: No old business was noted.

New Business: Dr. Dirkx made a motion, supported by Dr. Merrill, to adopt the Recommendation for 2008-09 Faculty Salary Increase memorandum. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Professor Mulligan, supported by Dr. Solomon, to amend the second paragraph with wording to reflect MSU’s resources available to recruit and retain academic staff hired since July 1, 2005, and to add a graph C to reflect the information. The motion carried. The motion, as amended, was approved.

Other Questions:

- Professor Moriarty requested that UCFA send a letter to the Mike Rice’s supervisor requesting further information on the possibility of putting in a sidewalk as part of the Cowles House reception.
In the distributed document University-level Standing Committees, Motion to Faculty Council on 8 Apr 2008, Dr. Powell requested UCFA members to review, under point 7., Specifications for Each University-level Standing Committee:
  o Point 7.a. University Committee on Faculty Policy and Tenure (UCFPT), on page 5 (of 12)
  o Point 7.c. University Committee on the Budget (UCB), on page 8 (of 12)
Dr. Powell needs to have feedback on members’ ideas so he may pass those along and vote accordingly during the April 8, 2008 Faculty Council meeting.

Dr. Merrill made a motion to subcommittees supported by Dr. Solomon. The motion carried.

Adjournment: UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary