
Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Chairperson John Powell called the meeting to order at 1:15 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. Davidson inquired about the use of the word “fees” in the first announcement by Dr. Powell.

(Third sentence) The proposed change would affect fees the number of class meetings and other important points to be considered.

Dr. Powell stated that seeing no other corrections, comments, concerns, or alterations, and without objection, the April 8, 2008 Minutes stand approved as corrected.

Announcements:

¨ Dr. Powell reported on the April 8th Faculty Council meeting.
  * The salary recommendation was endorsed as presented.
  * Cedar Fest was briefly discussed.
  * The name for University Faculty Tenure remains unchanged, and that UCFA remain comprised of the Budget Subcommittee and the Personnel Policy Subcommittee. There will be another Faculty Council meeting today after Academic Council completes their agenda and the discussion will continue.

¨ David Byelich briefly discussed additional student loan information. He also brought up the tuition and fee costs for students taking one class as opposed to students taking four classes. There is a revenue-neutral proposal currently being considered stating that everyone pays solely on the basis of the number of credits they’re taking. MSU’s fee structure is expensive for research faculty who are paying for graduate student credits out of their grant money. Students are being charged for nine credits no matter what they take. Student fee charges paid by grant money certainly stand out and are significantly higher compared to other institutions. This topic will be put on the Budget Subcommittee fall agenda for further review.

Announcements:

¨ Dr. Curry reported on the possible graduate employee work stoppage if the contract is
unsettled by May 15th. It is something about which to be concerned.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Budget:** John Dirkx, Chairperson  The subcommittee did not meet.

**Personnel Policy:** Jason Merrill, Chairperson; David Solomon, Assistant Chair

Dr. Merrill reported that the subcommittee handled a UCAP request and then finalized their report on the Faculty Grievance Official.

**Old Business:** No old business noted.

**New Business:** Dr. Merrill made a motion to accept the letter from the Personnel Policy Subcommittee supported by Dr. Solomon. The letter was reviewed and several changes put forth. Dr. Dirkx suggested a modification in the closing paragraph of the letter. The amended motion was adopted. The letter will be redrafted as a memo from UCFA to the Provost’s Office and will be made available to committee members next week as an information item.

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

Dr. Powell reminded subcommittees to come up with agenda items that are incomplete or issues that have not yet been addressed this year. The election of the 2008-09 UCFA chair and subcommittee chairs will also be held next week.

Dr. Davidson made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees seconded by Dr. Solomon. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary