University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2009


Ex Officio: David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Professor Moriarty called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Merrill made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Davidson. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Aben made a motion to approve the March 3, 2009 Minutes seconded by Dr. Morash. The motion carried.

Announcements: Professor Moriarty reported that the Faculty Liaisons met.

One topic was health care. She inquired who comprised the different committees working on health care: Health Care Strategy Advisory Committee, UCFA Health Care Subcommittee, and the MSU Health Team Governance Board. Dr. Wyatt inquired if anyone was requesting “stimulus money” to use for health care studies.

Another ongoing topic was the Academic Calendar Committee. The number of Academic Calendar survey respondents has been reasonable, and has presented many points of view about revising the calendar.

David Byelich distributed information regarding the budget for MSU and the state of Michigan and gave an overview of each. He also distributed information on the Ad Hoc Query to Big Ten Institutions on the Definition of Academic Scholarship Responses as of 3/17/09. This topic came about during the ECAC retreat last summer when it was recommended the university ought to have a definition of scholarship. It was brought up once again earlier this year, so it was decided we should see what (if anything) other colleges had for their scholarship definition.

Subcommittee Reports:

Budget: Ross B. Emmett, Chairperson Dr. Emmett said, although he missed David Byelich’s earlier report, he was sure David had reported the subcommittee’s work and he had given them a new timeline for their projects. They are trying to determine the next step.

Personnel Policy: Jason Merrill, Chairperson Dr. Merrill will distribute the FGO survey information, for both the annual and five-year survey, to the subcommittee today and they will begin formulating their report.

Old Business: No old business was noted.
New Business: Professor Moriarty asked for committee members to review the report she prepared for Academic Council. There were various suggestions and she will revise the report and send the committee a copy of the revised report. She will make the report to Faculty Council March 24.

She inquired about preparing questions for representatives (from both the College of Human Medicine – Denise Holmes? and the College of Osteopathic Medicine) to respond to. We’ll ask the representatives to give an overview of the current hiring practices for the Grand Rapids and Detroit areas. Some possible questions to ask the college representatives:
- How were people hired in Grand Rapids/Southeast Michigan?
- Does the faculty hired in G R/SE M receive the full voting rights and privileges?
- What is the search processes going on?
- What are the types of faculty appointments being offered?
- What are the expectations for each of those faculty types?
- What are benefits or rewards for the off-campus type?
- What is the size of the clinical faculty for G R compared to SE M or the Lansing community or campus?
- What are the procedures in place for the annual review of non-prefixed appointments?
- What is the selection process?

Other Questions: No other questions were noted.

Dr. Ross made a motion to adjourn to subcommittees seconded by Dr. Zelevinsky. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary