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Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

July 7, 2005

Present: Samir Bishara, Kathy Clark, Walter Dobrian, Peter Hansen, Ruth Wachtel, Marian Wilson Kimber, and visitor, Lucie Laurian

Absent: Dave Baldus, Jeff Cox, Lois Cox, Katherine Tachau, Rich Valentine, Ekhard Ziegler

Location: Room 137 Schaeffer Hall

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Peter Hansen at 7:40 pm, July 7, 2005.
- 2) Lacking a quorum, approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2005 was deferred.
- 3) **New Business**

a) AAUP Fall Reception:

After hearing the suggestions of the Recruitment Committee (Katherine Tachau, Marian Wilson Kimber, and Lucie Laurian) a near consensus was achieved in support of the following changes to our New Faculty Reception:

- Change the name of the event from “New Faculty Reception” to (tentatively) “AAUP Fall Reception.”
- Change the format from a wine and cheese reception to a picnic reception – hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, etc. Although a more substantial meal, the costs would probably be no greater since we would not be required to pay “IMU prices” and city park regulations preclude alcoholic beverages. Kathy Clark will check into Hy-Vee’s catering prices.
- The tentative time, date, and place chosen were: 5 pm to 7 pm, Friday, September 23, 2005, at one of the large shelters at lower City Park. (Home football games are scheduled for September 3 and 17, and the Iowa State game, although in Ames, is scheduled for September 10.) Lucie Laurian will identify the largest City Park shelter and pass this information on to Peter Hansen who will reserve it.
- Invite not only new faculty members, but also newly tenured faculty members.
- Invite faculty members, their spouses/partners, and children. Marian Wilson Kimber and Lucie Laurian felt strongly that this would increase the likelihood of our invitations being accepted. Spouses/partners of new faculty are excluded from most new-faculty/orientation events. Including spouses would be a draw since they would have one less meal to prepare, and including children would be a draw since hiring babysitters would be unnecessary.

- A couple of students will be hired to entertain the children so that their parents will be freer to talk with AAUP members and other guests.
- The nature of the event requires that invitees would have to RSVP.
- As with our New Faculty Receptions, Lois Cox and David Baldus will be called upon to provide a short history of the AAUP and the work of the AAUP on our campus.
- Reservations were expressed that the presence of spouses and children could reduce the quality of our conversations. Members would have to avoid allowing the event to evolve into a purely social event.

b) New Faculty Orientation:

- We learned that a session is included in the university's new faculty orientation during which various groups are allotted five minutes each to deliver their "pitch." It was decided unanimously that the AAUP should try to obtain one of these slots.

c) Defunding NIH Grants:

- It was decided unanimously that Katherine Tachau should draft a letter to Iowa's Senators expressing the chapter's dismay at recent House action that would defund faculty members such as Ed Wasserman. Katherine should also contact the Washington office of the AAUP to ensure that they are apprised of the situation.

4) The meeting was adjourned at record breaking early hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hansen, acting secretary