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**Minutes**

Executive Committee Meeting

**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Present:** Peter Hansen, Rich Valentine, Marian Wilson Kimber, Jeff Cox, Lois Cox, James Andrews, Samir Bishara, Dave Baldus

**Absent:** Katherine Tachau, Kathy Clark, Eckhard Ziegler , Ruth Wachtel

**Location:** 137 SH

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm
- 2) **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the September 18, 2006 meeting were approved as written.
- 3) **Committee Reports**
  - a) Committee A: Lois Cox commented that there was one meeting with a faculty member.
  - b) Treasurer: No report
  - c) Website: No report.
  - d) There was no Faculty Senate/ Council report.
- 4) **Old Business**
  - a) Peter Hansen announced that a replacement for Executive Committee member Walter Dobrian has been identified, but she will not be joining the committee until academic year 2007-08.

## 5) New Business

- a) A discussion about our AAUP chapter implementing an "email tree" as requested by the National office was led by Peter Hansen who explained how this would work. Concerns were voiced and it was generally thought that its implementation might be acceptable if the messages sent to faculty were originating at the local level, not at the National. Dave Baldus volunteered to gather representative messages issued by the National office to see what kind of information is generally contained in them. Further discussion is needed on this item.
- b) It was decided to have Ruth Wachtel provide a URL link to the document "A New Modus Operandi for the Iowa Board of Regents?" written by James Andrews. This document discusses timely issues of great importance to the University community and State of Iowa. Faculty will be notified that they can view this document at the URL provided.
- c) The ongoing strategic planning activity being conducted by the Regents was discussed. The lack of faculty involvement and transparency of the process was noted as primary concerns. Peter Hansen was asked by the Executive Committee to send Shelly Kurtz an email stating that the AAUP Executive Committee supports his recent message to the faculty that was critical of the ongoing strategic planning process. The message will call attention to our endorsement of James Andrew's document and suggest that he may want to circulate it to faculty.

Dave Baldus suggested that our concerns about the Regent's apparent disregard of the principles of shared governance be written down as "list of particulars". This would include such items as lack of proper participation in selection of the interim president and president, and lack of participation in the ongoing strategic planning activity (vision committee).

- d) The next meeting will be November 15th at 7:30 pm in 137 SH.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Valentine

Secretary