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**Minutes**

Executive Committee Meeting

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Present:** Walter Dobrian, Peter Hansen, Rich Valentine, Lois Cox, Marian Wilson Kimber, Jeff Cox, Samir Bishara, Ruth Wachtel, Katherine Tachau, Kathy Clark, James Andrews  
**Absent:** Eckhard Ziegler, Dave Baldus  
**Location:** Room 137 Schaeffer Hall

1) **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

2) **Committee Reports**

- a) Committee A: No Report
- b) Treasurer: Kathy Clark reported that we have \$3577.74.
- c) Chapter Website: Ruth Wachtel reported that the web site is up to date.
- d) Faculty Senate/Council Issues: Katherine Tachau reflected on some recent interactions between faculty and the Regents. She also reported that Susan Johnson addressed the Faculty Senate on a new non smoking policy.

3) **Old Business**

- a) Post Tenure Review: Kathy Clark reported that the committee recently tabled issues until a new faculty senate president is appointed.
- b) Unilateral Administrative Action: Katherine Tachau commented on recent activity regarding unilateral administrative actions, especially a salary decrement policy. This idea is apparently still being entertained by certain administrators.
- c) Substantive Standards for Promotion and Tenure: No report
- d) Bonus Committee: Kathy Clark reported that action has been tabled pending the appointment of a new faculty senate president. A discussion followed where it was pointed

out that a plan may be developed. Apparently there is considerable discontentment with this idea across campus.

- e) Promotion to Full Professor Symposium: Lois Cox reported on the status of the plans for the symposium which will be held in W401 Pappajohn on April 4th; 6:30 pm refreshments, 7:00 program. Susan Johnson and Raul Curto will be plenary speakers. There was some discussion on a need for a non-administrative perspective. James Andrews suggested that Dave Baldus be asked to provide this.
- f) Tenure Symposium: Lois Cox reported that the symposium is organized and will be held April 19th in W401 Pappajohn, 6:30 pm refreshments, 7:00 program. Speakers will include Dave Baldus, an ombudsperson, Susan Johnson, and Brooks Landon.
- g) League of Women Voters Forum: Jeff Cox announced that the League of Women Voters Forum is scheduled for 9:30 am Saturday, April 29th in the Iowa City council chambers. He pointed out that the AAUP should try to establish a faculty relationship with the legislators who attend. Samir Bishara suggested that Katherine Tachau pose questions about several issues of importance to faculty.
- h) Annual Meeting: Walter Dobrian announced that the meeting is scheduled for May 6th in the Lindquist Room in the Sheraton Hotel (Iowa City). Coffee and donuts will be served at 10:00 am followed by the business meeting from 10:30 am- 11:00 am. After that Meredith Hay will make a presentation.

#### 4) **New Business**

- a) A request from the National for an "email tree" was discussed and rejected as a bad idea.
- b) A question was raised about the status of the research track. It seems to be dead for now (...like Dracula ?).
- c) Katherine Tachau commented on probationary tenure issues.
- d) The next Executive Committee meeting will be at the annual meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Respectively submitted

Rich Valentine, Secretary