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**Minutes**

Executive Committee Meeting

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Present:** Peter Hansen, Rich Valentine, Marian Wilson Kimber, Jeff Cox, Kathy Clark, James Andrews, Ruth Wachtel, Eckhard Ziegler

**Absent:** Katherine Tachau, Lois Cox, Samir Bishara Dave Baldus

**Location:** 103 SH

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm
- 2) **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting were approved as written.
- 3) **Committee Reports**
  - a) Committee A: Eckhard Ziegler commented on Committee A activity.
  - b) Treasurer: Kathy Clark reported that we have approximately \$2700. She commented that it appears that we are only getting dues from members who have it automatically taken out of their payroll, less then the total of about 75 dues paying members for which we should receive money. This is a problem she is working to solve. She also said that the AAUP got a bill for \$4700 from the National but that she has no idea what it is for. She has tried to contact the National about this but has gotten no response.
  - c) Ruth Wachtel reported that the AAUP website is up to date and that some of the pages on the National website are not accessible.
  - d) There was no Faculty Senate Council report.
- 4) **Old Business**
  - a) The frequency of the new faculty picnic was discussed and it was decided to make it biennial in order to save money. The last picnic cost approximately \$500.

- b) Peter Hansen led a discussion about our agenda for the coming year. It was decided that inviting Shelly Kurtz to our meeting to discuss our concerns was probably not desirable at this time because of the immense responsibilities associated with the search for a new president. James Andrews suggested we set our own agenda. Kathy Clark suggested that the AAUP create a list of "talking points" about the pros and cons of privatization.

#### 5) **New Business**

- a) A replacement for Walter Dobrian on the executive board was discussed. Three people were suggested as good candidates. Hansen will contact these individuals starting with the first person on the list and continuing until our invitation to join the Executive Committee is accepted.
- b) The discussion about setting our agenda for next year was continued. The long discussion focused on several issues including: 1) encouraging the Faculty Council to follow up the review and recommendations of the Committee on Faculty Policies and Compensation regarding university and collegiate post tenure peer review policies and procedures, 2) construct chapter recommendations regarding Samir's three suggested topics ( University wide uniformity in hiring/offer letters, standardized three-year review policies and procedures, and clarification of promotion expectations in an environment where these may change), 3) construct a chapter response to an expected recommendation to approve the establishment of a faculty bonus plan, 4) construct a chapter response advocating rejection of an extension of the normal probationary period for tenure track, and 5) consider writing an opinion on the merits or lack there of, of privatizing the University of Iowa.
- c) The next meeting will be in October with the exact date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted

Rich Valentine, Secretary