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**Minutes**

Executive Committee Meeting

February 27, 2007

**Present:** Samir Bishara, Jeff Cox, Lois Cox, Peter Hansen, Marian Wilson Kimber, and James Andrews

**Absent:** Dave Baldus, Kathy Clark, Katherine Tachau, Rich Valentine, Ruth Wachtel, and Eckhard Ziegler

**Location:** Room 137 Schaeffer Hall

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.
- 2) The minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2007 were approved.
- 3) **Committee Reports**
  - a) Committee A: Lois Cox reported meetings with two faculty members in different departments.
  - b) Faculty Senate/Council/Presidential Search: There was no official report, but there was general discussion regarding the improved state of the presidential search, as evidenced by the recent visits of Dean David Johnsen, chair of the search committee, to speak to the Faculty Executive Committee and the faculty of the College of Law.
- 4) **Old Business**
  - a) Proposed extension of tenure clock: The extension of the tenure clock to eight years was a topic at the February meeting of the Faculty Council. Lois Cox encouraged Jim Andrews to combine his two essays regarding the problems involved in extending the tenure clock. His revised report will be considered by the Executive Committee. They will vote on whether it will be adopted as an AAUP report to be sent to Provost Hogan and the Time-to-Tenure Decision Taskforce, and posted on the AAUP website. Andrews shared a draft of the UI

Operations Manual (section 10.1, Tenure and NonTenure Appointments) in which passages had already been modified to reflect the proposed changes.

- b) The proposed research track, previously voted on by the College of Medicine, was discussed. The track was recently a topic at the CLAS faculty assembly and CLAS faculty executive committee, as was the possible extension of the tenure clock.

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

- a) Combined Annual and State Meeting: Peter Hansen reported that the combined AAUP chapter annual meeting and state AAUP spring meeting will take place on the afternoon of April 7 in the Seamans Center (Engineering Building). AAUP National President Cary Nelson will give the keynote address, followed by a panel discussion by Nelson, Peter Hansen, Lois Cox, Shelly Kurtz, and Greg Scholtz (Wartburg College). Jim Andrews will send press releases to local newspapers and radio stations, as well as invitations to a variety of faculty organizations and COGS.
  - b) League of Women Voters Legislative Forum: AAUP will sponsor the April 28th forum. Jeff Cox requested that committee members all think about good questions to ask at this event. He will contact the other co-sponsor and arrange for refreshments.
  - c) Tenure Symposium: Lois Cox reported that a date for the annual tenure symposium has not been set, but it will probably take place the second week of April.
  - d) Website: Peter Hansen and Marian Wilson Kimber reported on their meeting with Drew Schiller, graphics and website designer, who provided an estimate of the cost of updating the chapter website and including one or more interactive features. As the cost was prohibitive, alternatives to professional design assistance were considered.
  - e) The nominating committee will consist of Samir Bishara, Eckhard Ziegler and Jim Andrews.
  - f) The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27.
- 6) The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Wilson Kimber, acting secretary