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Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

May 22, 2007

Present: James Andrews, Jeff Cox, Lois Cox, Peter Hansen, Marian Wilson Kimber

Absent: Dave Baldus, Samir Bishara, Kathy Clark, Katherine Tachau, Rich Valentine, Ruth Wachtel, Ekhard Ziegler

Location: Room 137 Schaeffer Hall

***** Lacking a quorum members present discussed agenda items, but took no action. *****

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.
- 2) The minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2007 were not considered.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a) Committee A: Lois Cox reported that the committee had continued to advise one faculty member in a tenure denial case.
 - b) Treasurer's report: No report.
 - c) Faculty Senate/Council/Search: Three members of our chapter's executive committee will be serving on the 2007-08 Faculty Senate (Jeff Cox, Ruth Wachtel, and Marian Wilson Kimber), in addition Jeff Cox will serve on the Faculty Council during the fall of 2007 in the absence of Katherine Tachau. Jeff reported on the academic freedom policy (see New Business, below).
 - d) Chapter Website: There was unanimity that our website would benefit from a redesign. Concerns were expressed about the difficulty of locating documents and joining the AAUP in a convenient manner (Note: the latter may have been fixed). The president was asked to contact local web designers and the national AAUP, and look into the costs and advisability of using PayPal.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Wrap-up on recent events: The Annual Meeting/AAUP Iowa State conference was well attended and went well. The Tenure Symposium was well received although attendance

was slightly lower than last year. The LWV Legislative Forum was cancelled owing to the scheduling of a Saturday legislative session – Jeff Cox suggested that next year we should try to co-sponsor an earlier Forum.

- b) The College of Medicine research track proposal is moving forward and will probably come to the Faculty Council/Senate this fall.
- c) The proposed extension of the tenure clock from six to eight years is a “done deal” in the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry.
- d) The decanal review procedures approved by the provost differ in six major respects from the procedures recommended by the Ziegler committee and approved by the Faculty Senate (as identified by Steve Collins).
- e) New members of the Board of Regents were mailed copies of the mini-Redbook and portions of the section on “Tenure and Academic Vitality at The University of Iowa” from the Operations Manual.

5) New Business

- a) Jeff Cox reported that the proposed changes to the Board of Regents academic freedom policy originated from the provost’s office and not from executive director Steinke or board president Gartner. Shelly Kurtz (with input from Jeff Cox) has introduced substitute language that is acceptable.
- b) Arising from media reports of the Kenneth Kress case (which blind-sided the Board of Regents) – they proposed a revision to the ethics notification policy requiring reporting of a wide range of campus actions – “pending and resolved litigation, tort and contract claims; administrative agency complaints; workers’ compensation claims, Faculty and Professional & Scientific staff grievances and disciplinary cases, including formal ethical complaints and investigations; and internal grievances/claims and investigations of merit employees...” General counsel Marcus Mills noted that these revisions apply only to “significant litigation, claims, complaints, grievances and investigations” and require notification but not approval.
- c) The next meeting will be in early August – issues to include a presentation at the new faculty orientation and a new faculty picnic.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hansen, acting secretary