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Minutes

February 25, 2009

Present: James Andrews, Samir Bishara, Dave Baldus, Richard Valentine, Kathy Clark, Peter Hansen, Marian Wilson Kimber, Judith Pascoe, Frank Durham, Jeff Cox

Absent: Katherine Tachau, Ekhard Ziegler

Location: Room 103 Schaeffer Hall

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.
- 2) The minutes of the January 28th meeting approved.
- 3) Meeting with Provost Wallace Loh

Provost Wallace Loh met with the Executive Committee to discuss various issues. Dave Baldus explained the purpose of the UI AAUP Chapter, and the nature of Committee A activity. He commented on recent trends in the grievances brought to Committee A by faculty. In response to James Andrew's question about what the Provost sees as a role for AAUP at the University of Iowa, Provost Loh acknowledged that the AAUP has a role and affirmed the importance of faculty governance, especially at a time of fiscal crisis. Concern was expressed by the Executive Committee about the need to maintain an appropriate administrative structure especially of small departments having diverse faculty. It was felt that this would help protect the integrity of judgment. Dave Baldus suggested having the Provost's office available for faculty to discuss issues on an informal basis. Lastly Provost Loh updated the Executive Committee on the status of FEMA funding as well as possible money coming from the recent "Stimulus" bill.

- 4) Committee Reports
 - a) Committee A: Dave Baldus commented that the absence of written P&T rules in some colleges has continued to cause problems that generate consults with Committee A.
 - b) Treasurer's report: Kathy Clark reported that we have approximately \$3500 on-hand.
 - c) Faculty Senate/Council update: Jeff Cox restated that Faculty Senate did indeed vote to form an ad-hoc committee to review the status of post-tenure review activities in various colleges.

- d) Membership Committee: Marian Wilson Kimber reported that the AAUP gained four new members recently. She is also working on a member recruitment letter.
- 5) Old Business
- a) The recent AAUP Executive Board Meeting with Linda Maxim was discussed.
 - b) Website: No new progress was reported.
 - c) Jeff Cox updated the Executive Committee on the status of the League of Women's Voters forum. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 28. Possible questions to be raised were discussed
 - d) Tenure Workshop: No new activity. The workshop has been organized as planned.
 - e) Promotion to Full Professor Workshop. After some discussion it was decided that the AAUP will not participate.
- 6) New Business
- a) Rich Valentine agreed to endeavor to put together the long anticipated next AAUP Newsletter.
- 7) The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 25.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Valentine, Secretary