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Minutes
August 26, 2009

Present: James Andrews, Dave Baldus, Ekhard Ziegler Richard Valentine, Peter Hansen, Marian Wilson Kimber, Jeff Cox, Frank Durham, Katherine Tachau,

Absent: Samir Bishara, Kathy Clark,

Location: Room 103 Schaeffer Hall

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.
- 2) The minutes of the May 13th meeting were approved.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a) Committee A: Ekhard Ziegler reported briefly on one recent contact.
 - b) Treasurer's report: No report.
 - c) Faculty Senate/Council update: Katherine Tachau reported on the establishment of several Task Forces including how to deploy the specially selected 100 new faculty. She also reported on topics discussed at the recent Faculty Senate Council retreat. These included Loh's emphasis on strategic planning, the Freshman Seminar initiative from the Central Administration, and budget issues. At that meeting the Task Force chairs reported on their activities. Jeff Cox reported on a discussion about the proposed revisions to the Post Tenure review policy noting that some at the meeting thought it should be used to punish selected faculty and help justify a reduction of their salaries. Many Senators were clearly not in agreement with this minority view.
 - d) Membership Committee: Marian Wilson Kimber and Frank Durham proposed that we have a membership drive in October with the goal that each Executive Board member convince three people to join AAUP. They also proposed to start a Reading Group as a recruitment tool. This is scheduled to take place on October 5th and then meet monthly.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) The CLAS promotion and tenure procedures regarding a positive DCG recommendation of a 60% super majority was briefly discussed.
 - b) A salary plan proposed by the central administration was discussed. According to what has been made public, salary increases may be coming to some faculty but not to all. The Executive Board

has not yet contacted appropriate administrators to clarify details about eligibility for a salary increase.

- c) Plans for meeting our legislators were discussed. One or more meetings may occur in September. Rich Valentine agreed to contact representatives from COGS to schedule a meeting with the Executive Board to discuss the current budget situation and its impact on students at all levels.

5) New Business

- a) We will host the State AAUP Conference this fall on Saturday November 14th. We will provide space, donuts and the program. Potential speakers were discussed.
 - b) It was brought to our attention that three University of Iowa faculty have been members of AAUP for 50 years. These include Ed Kottick, Ellis Holley, and Brad Sagen. It was suggested that they be interviewed with their statements, comments, and observations placed on our website and/or in our newsletter.
 - c) Katherine Tachau reported that the University of Iowa purports to have “Sovereign Immunity” from any prosecution related to the recent firing of Phil Jones.
- 6) The next meeting (not including meetings with our legislators in September) will be on Thursday, October 15th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Valentine, Secretary