Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2008

PRESENT: Miriam Kuppermann (Chair), Roberta Rehm (Vice-Chair), Teri Melese, Art Miller, Elizabeth Smith, Kathy Yang

ABSENT: C. Anthony Hunt, Descartes Li, Maurice Zwass, Pat Fox (UCAF Rep.)

The Committee on Faculty Welfare was called to order by Chair Kuppermann on October 8, 2008 at 9:10am at the Laurel Heights Campus, Room 335. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of May 22, 2008 were approved.

Chairs Report

Chair Kuppermann greeted the newly appointed members of the Committee on Academic Freedom, Teri Melese, Elizabeth (Libby) Smith, and Kathy Yang. The Chair discussed the committee’s responsibilities and authority; serving as a resource for individual faculty and students who feel their academic freedom has been compromised and studying any condition that may affect the academic freedom of the University, its faculty and students, and to report this to the Division.

Review: Request from Academic Council for Campus Review of the University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF) to Amend Senate Bylaws 125.A.4, 128, and 130.

The Committee reviewed a letter to Council, authored by Rafael Zidovetzki, Chair of UCAF, in which these modifications were outlined and justifications for UCAF Representation on the Academic Council and term changes were detailed.

The proposed changes would add the UCAF representative to the Academic Council as a standing member; extends the term of the UCAF Chair from one year to two years

ACTION: The Committee on Academic Freedom will submit a letter of approval to Chair Gardner.

Task Force to Review Faculty Reimbursement of Grant Cost

Chair Gardner discussed the outcome of the Task Force (Communication dated February 25, 2008) with Chancellor Bishop.
**ACTION:** The committee will submit a communication to Chair Gardner thanking him for taking the issue of faculty reimbursement to the Chancellor who has convened a Joint Task Force chaired by Warren Gold. The Committee looks forward to their recommendations.

**New Business**

**Symposium on University/Industry Relations**

The Committee discussed hosting a symposium on university/industry relations, the value of consulting relationship as opposed to collaborations that bring funding to research as opposed to individuals. Teri Melese and Kathy Yang will spearhead this project.

**Old Business**

None

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