Academic Staff Assembly
Wednesday, September 29, 1999
UC 206 12:00 - 2:00

1999-2000 Assembly

Deborah Bowen                  Absent*
Lawrence Clem                  Present
Michael Cohen                  Present
Therese Kennedy               Present
Kim Macur                     Present
Pat Miller                    Present
Gado Ongwela                  Absent
Kimberly Patten                Present
Kathy Schmidt                 Absent (short term leave of absence)
Julia Yeater                  Present
Lou Zahn                      Present *notified chair

Michael Flanagan (guest) and Patty Leonard (secretary) were also present.

Therese Kennedy called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes for September 15, 1999.
   A motion was made by Zahn/Miller to approve the minutes of the September 15, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Appointment to Assembly
   Jeanine Fassl has volunteered to be the replacement for Karen Buckley on the Academic Staff Assembly. A motion was made by Zahn/Clem to accept this proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

******NOTE FROM CHAIR: THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS VOID DUE TO THE OPEN MEETING LAW. THIS WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACTED UPON. PRECEDENCE SET BY FACULTY SENATE CHAIR ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1998.

3. Recall
   A petition was presented to the committee for the recall of Gado Ongwela. Under Academic Staff By-Law (Art. VII, Sec. III), a recall must involve two-thirds of the majority voting members. The petition was brought forth due to Gado Ongwela's lack of response and attendance at Assembly meetings. This petition was signed by over two-thirds of the voting members of the Assembly. This opens an instructional, 2 year position on the Assembly.

4. Elections
   An announcement will be made in the Reporter (October 1 - 15) of a special election. Due to Jeanine Fassl completing Karen Buckley's term for a year, only two positions are available on the Assembly: an instructional, 2 year term position and a non-instructional, 2 year term position. The reason for this special election is to ensure that the Assembly always has a balance of new and returning members.

5. Academic Staff Committee Assignments
   Mike Cohen is working on the compilations of interested members from last year's forms. He will pass on the information to the committee liaisons.

6. Academic Staff Committee Updates
   A discussion was held on the immediate need for these committees.
   a. Promotions
      Pat Miller will be calling together his committee within a week.
   b. Staff Development
      This committee needs to convene and Jayati Ghosh will be contacted to see if she is interested and willing to continue as chair.
c. Economic Issues
   Budget issues are pending. Larry Clem will organize this committee.

7. Brochure
   The brochures have been printed and will be mailed with the election ballots. The brochures will also be available in the Governance Center and Therese Kennedy will distribute them at new orientation meetings.

8. Rewards and Recognition
   The committee met on September 28, 1999 and will have hard copies of a proposal within a month to present to the Assembly.

9. Academic Staff Categories A,B & C
   Therese is awaiting more information on Category C from System Legal Counsel.

10. Additional Agenda Items
    Julia Yeater was appointed as the instructional representative on the Bookstore Working Group at the last meeting. On a Cohen/Macur motion, Dave Halbach was appointed as the non-instructional representative. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Future Agenda Items
    The By-Laws will need to be updated soon. The University Handbook will need to be reviewed for inconsistencies. Therese will extend an invitation to the Chancellor to attend the October 27, 1999 meeting.

    A Macur/Yeater motion was issued to end the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next Assembly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at 12:00. We hope to meet in the new Governance Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Leonard