

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Iowa Room (335), IMU

Members Present: A. Bhattacharjee, L. Burmeister, J. Carlson, C. Colvin, J. Cox, R. Curto, J. Jew, J. Kline, J. Menninger, K. Mescher, M. Pincus, M. Stone, K. Tachau, R. Weir, B. Wiley.

Members Absent: B. Butler, K. Clark, H. Diehl, E. Wasserman.

Guests: Lee Anna Clark (Office of the Provost), Joe Coulter (Office of the Provost), Charles Drum (University Relations), John Folkins (Office of the Provost), Mary Mathew Wilson (Faculty Senate Office).

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM.
- II. The agenda was approved, as amended, by unanimous consent. The revised agenda is reflected in the minutes below.
- III. The minutes of Faculty Council of 8 September 1998 were corrected and approved.
- IV. Report on 8 September 1998 Faculty Council Executive Session by Pres. Wiley:

The Council went into executive session. Compensation principles at the University of Iowa were discussed and the President was directed to appoint an ad hoc committee to further consider the matter. A brief discussion of issues before the library committee was also held.

- V. Announcements
 - A. Pres. Wiley expressed appreciation for the cooperative spirit of Senate members in sharing the workload.
 - B. The Center for Teaching has moved into permanent quarters in the Main Library. An open house is scheduled for 8 October 1998. Councilors were encouraged to attend.
 - C. The Government Relations Committee is working on scheduling a meeting with State Senator Dvorsky for 12 October. Faculty Councilors were encouraged to attend. Sen. Dvorsky has asked that faculty express their views on the University's needs for five years into the future.

- D. The annual bulb planting will be held on 17 October 1998. Those willing to help should report to Hubbard Field at 9:00 am (the rain date is 25 October.)
- E. Prof. Tachau asked that the Faculty Senate web site include a link to updated Charter Committee membership lists. Pres. Wiley stated that he will continue his contacts on this matter with the President's Office, which is responsible for that web site.

VI. Old Business: there was none to discuss.

VII. New Business

- A. Questionnaire on Scholarship/Service. A draft had been sent to Councilors to complete and to comment upon. Councilors participated in an extensive question and answer session on various details of the questionnaire's wording, with responses by Vice President Carlson and President Wiley. Among the points discussed were:
 - 1. How to include department/collegiate funding for research projects.
 - 2. How to include external support that is not routed through Sponsored Programs.
 - 3. Use of multiple choice among broadly defined categories of financial support for research/scholarly/creative (RSC) effort, rather than exact dollar amounts.
 - 4. Whether a description of the differential availability of RSC funding should be part of the final report.
 - 5. Over what time period to average RSC effort.
 - 6. How to manage RSC effort made during times other than the faculty appointment _ e. g., for faculty in the College of Liberal Arts, during the summers.
 - 7. How to report personal expenditures in support of RSC effort.
 - 8. Whether responses left blank will be considered to represent "zero."
 - 9. Whether the questionnaire might be available to faculty via the

Web.

10. How to manage RSC credit for multi-authored publications.
11. That the total number of hours reported for RSC be less than 7 x 24.
12. The desirability of a clearly worded letter explaining how to complete the questionnaire.
13. That we not pre-judge the outcome of the questionnaire in designing it.
14. How to manage collegiate service on promotion and tenure committees.

A vote on the interval over which to average the number of hours per week devoted to RSC effort was massively in favor of a single semester. Vice President Carlson reckoned that the Spring semester, 1998, would be the likely interval chosen for this purpose since it would be the most similar to that chosen for the teaching questionnaire.

- B. A draft of proposed revisions to the General Charter of University Committees was discussed. The changes were proposed by an ad hoc committee appointed by University President Coleman in 1997. Suggestions have also been made by the Senate officers. The current document needs approval by the Faculty Senate, the Staff Council and the Student Government. Several typographical errors were noted and corrected. In responding to a question by Prof. Curto on the need for new quorum requirements, President Wiley expressed his opinion that the proposed language was clearer. Prof. Tachau asked about the exception for the Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) in limiting the period of Charter Committee service to six years. Pres. Wiley answered that the technical expertise required for effective service on that committee entailed continuity of membership over longer periods. Other Charter Committees were proposed as potential beneficiaries of such continuity and Pres. Wiley agreed to consider language describing a "normal term of service of six years." Pres. Wiley then noted a desire by the Staff Council for parity in membership on the FRIC. A distribution of seven faculty and seven staff (to replace the present eight faculty and five staff) was suggested as appropriate. Prof. Cox verified with Pres. Wiley that staff represented by the Staff

Council were the ones eligible for FRIC service. Prof. Burmeister moved, Prof. Pincus seconding, that the Council endorse the concept of parity of Faculty and Staff membership on the Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of Recommended Committee Replacements: Prof. Tachau moved, Prof. Pincus seconding, the approval of the following replacements recommended by the Committee on Committees:

Prof. Jean Jew (Anatomy) to replace Prof. Douglas Shasby (Internal Medicine) for the remainder of his 1998-99 term on the Budget Planning Committee; Prof. Margaret Stratton (Art & Art History) to replace Prof. Thomas Charlton (Anthropology) for the remainder of his 1998-99 term on the University Lectures Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

- D. Approval of Faculty Senate Agenda: Prof. Carlson moved, Prof. Menninger seconding, the approval of the proposed agenda for the 20 October 1998 meeting of the Faculty Senate. The motion was carried without dissent.
- E. Discussion of a Report from the Library Committee was deferred until the next meeting of the Faculty Council.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Menninger, Secretary