



Committee on Committees
Minutes of Meeting: October 19, 2006
Approved XXX, 2006

Present: J. Miller (Chair), H. Deutch, U. Devaskar, R. Edgerton, C. Erickson, J. Frank, G. Galbraith, M. Jura, M. Kelly, E. Le Guin, A. Mal.
Absent: J. Hotz, D. Hovda, M. Kleinman, A. Ortega, C. Quicoli, T. Schwartz (Vice Chair), E. Stabler, E. Wagar.
Staff: L. Mohr, E. Montz
Minutes: The minutes of October 5, 2006, were approved as written.

Announcements

Chair James Miller welcomed everyone and suggested that each meeting begin with announcements from committee members.

a) Issues Under Review: Professor Miller recommended that Committee on Committees produce opinions regarding Systemwide Issues under review. The Issues Under Review can be found on the ConC website (Member Login section), <http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/conc/conc.htm>. The "Recommendations of the Joint Academic Senate/UCOP Workgroup on Recycling Multi-campus Research Unit Funds" will be discussed at the November 2 meeting. Comments should be emailed to Professor Miller, copy to Linda Mohr, before the meeting date.

Professor Ajit Mal noted the importance of one of the upcoming issues, UCORP Report "Institutional Review Boards (IRB) at UC: IRB Operations and the Researcher's Experience," regarding dissatisfaction with the IRB process and recommendations for improvement.

b) Assistant Professors and Senate Service: Professor Miller reported that while some assistant professors are willing to serve on senate committees, it is not advisable as the commitment might hinder their work towards tenure. Professor Miller spoke with an assistant professor who volunteered to serve and will continue to speak directly to any assistant professor in the future who volunteers. The committee expressed hope that Academic Senate Chair Shetty will be successful in lobbying CAP about the benefits of senate service. Professor Miller stated that any success in service recognition would only be applied in promotion from step 6 to step 7 and not in promotion from associate to full professor.

c) Alternate Representatives: Professor Miller reported that alternates attended the UCAAD, and UCAP meeting.

Report of the October 11, 2006, Academic Assembly Meeting

Professor Gary Galbraith provided a full report on the Assembly of the Academic Senate meeting and expressed gratitude for being able to attend. He stated that President Dynes spoke about the "10+10" program that connects each UC campus with a leading university in China. President Dynes also spoke about the importance of UC as a leader in public education and supported the "Cal-Teach" program that produces 1,000 science and math teachers each year.

In addition, Dynes reported that the retirement fund is approaching reserves. He stated that even with the contributions to the retirement account beginning again next year, he would still like to see the faculty take-home salary continue to increase.

Two proposals were discussed and voted upon. The first proposal regarding an action to create an oversight role for UC in managing UC-associated national laboratories was unanimously passed. The second proposal was an

Academic Senate statement to the UC Regents on research funding sources. There was much debate involved in the importance of academic freedom versus the presence of misuse and misrepresentation of research by the tobacco industry in the past. Universitywide Academic Senate Chair John Oakley agreed to convey to the Regents the importance of academic freedom and trust the integrity of the researchers. The Assembly members stressed its disapproval of funding arrangements that in essence suppress academic freedom.

Approval of Third Alternate for Academic Assembly Meetings

Professor Galbraith was approved as the third alternate for Academic Assembly Meetings.

Demonstration: Council on Academic Personnel (CAP) Database

Linda Mohr provided a demonstration of the CAP Database. The database can be accessed from the ConC website (Member Login section), <http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/conc/conc.htm>. Linda Mohr will email a direct link to the database along with a username and password to all committee members. CAP approved access of its database to ConC members in order to provide as much information as possible to the committee in making appointments. Ms. Mohr expressed that while the information is not confidential, it is sensitive, and therefore, information should not be discussed with non-ConC members or the password given to anyone.

Professor Miller stated that he made an announcement to his department stressing the importance in serving on CAP. He recommended that all ConC members make similar announcements to their respective departments.

Update/Approval: Recruitment of Faculty Members for 2006-07 Committees

a) Academic Freedom (Elisabeth Le Guin). 2 of 7 vacant: Professor Le Guin contacted Kumar Rajaram (Anderson). He was willing to serve, however, he will be on sabbatical January to March, 2007. Christopher Wild (Germanic Languages) and Sotirios Tetradis (Dental-Oral Radiol) will be contacted.

b) Council on Planning & Budget (Ajit Mal). 1 of 16 vacant. Professor Ajit Mal has a list of several names and will begin emailing them.

c) Undergraduate Council (Joseph Hotz, Edward Stabler). 1 of 21 vacant. Professor Mal reported that Ugc already had a member from Electrical Engineering serving and recommended that Professor Jack Judy's (Electrical Engineering) appointment be deferred. Professor George Murphy (Economics) agreed to serve a fourth year.

d) Graduate Council (Mary Kelly). 1 of 20 vacant. Professor Dean Worth has stepped down from the Council due to a conflicting appointment as the chair of P&T. Professor Paul Davis (Earth & Space Sciences) was suggested; Professor Kelly will contact him.

Potential appointments will be presented and approved by the full Committee at a subsequent meeting.

Five-year Administrative Review Slate: Kenneth Philipson, Chair of the Department of Physiology

ConC was asked to provide a slate of faculty for the Philipson review. The following candidates were recommended by ConC. A preferential order was formulated by the committee and will be expressed to the Academic Personnel Office upon recommendation.

O'Dell, Tom, Physiology
Weiss, James, Medicine & Physiology
Grinnell, Alan, Physiology
Neufeld, Elizabeth, Biological Chemistry
Gasson, Judith, Biological Chemistry
Edwards, Peter, Biological Chemistry and Medicine
Zipursky, Larry, HHMI Professor, Biological Chemistry
Koos, Brian, OB GYN
Ganz, Tomas, Medicine, Hematology and Oncology
Witte, Owen, MIMG

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.