USAO Faculty Association

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Signed in as present:


Not signed in but present: D. Reigh, A. Karjala, C. Walker, S. Breerwood, L. Thrift

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 11:10 am by D. Reigh.

II. Visit by President Feaver – J. Feaver reports that he will be meeting with the legislative leadership to talk about the budget for next year. They have asked all schools to consider what a 5-10% budget cut would do. J. Feaver says that 1% would be bad for us. There are questions about the stimulus money coming in but no answers yet. J.C. Casey asks about the university’s PR. S. Kelley asks about potential development off of 17th street and enforcement of a speed limit on Grand. J. Feaver suggests that USAO might be able to market itself as an institution dedicated to the idea of human sustainability. We are already moving in that direction with the creation of a community garden and D. Reigh’s idea for an alternative energy lab.

II. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of March meeting approved (Ferguson/J. Mather). Motion carries.

III. Treasurer’s Report – A. Karjala gives report for S. Weber. We have a balance of $102.71.
IV. Regents Meeting Report – D. Reigh says that the next meeting is April 14th.

V. Committee Reports

HLC

• B. Brown reports that we are done and that we passed. Spontaneous cheers erupt.

Resource

• D. Reigh reports that he met with President Feaver.

Handbook

• L. Hester not present, but D. Reigh reports that he will stay on as head of this committee.

Curriculum

• S. MacDonald says committee will meet this week.

Tenure/Promotion

• D. Reigh says that we are waiting to hear from the regents.

Distinctiveness

• D. Reigh says that he will call meetings for this committee over the summer to continue its work.

Faculty Advisory Committee
N. Osborn not present.

VI. Old Business

1. Committee Meeting Time Slots – D. Reigh asks for a motion to build Spring 2010 schedule with reserved meeting times of 11:00 T/Th and 12:00 T/Th to build a committee schedule for all USAO committees with routine meetings scheduled in advance starting Fall 2009. Some discussion follows. No motion is made. D. Reigh wants to create a committee calendar as a central scheduling mechanism. J. Mather suggests sending out office hours of all faculty in addition to a committee calendar.

VII. New Business

1. OTRS – D. Reigh would like to schedule a visit for Fall 2009. Two options were put forward as possible meeting times. First preference – a Faculty Forum meeting time slot. Second preference – part of a Faculty Association meeting.

2. Elections – The slate of officers for next year is presented. S. Weber will become the new President. K. Davis has been nominated for Secretary, and C. Elder has been nominated for Treasurer/President Elect. Motion is made to approve this slate by J.C. Casey, seconded by J. Bruce. Slate approved.

3. J. Loutsch announces that the Matriculation committee needs a new member due to I. Shafer’s retirement. A. Bellemain volunteers.

VIII. Announcements

1. J. Knapp shares that there is an art show and a Spring show currently going on.

2. L. Thrift says that there will be a Cuban Show in the gallery in May.
3. C. Walker announces that the Symposium on Africa will be held April 9th in Davis Hall amphitheater.

4. D. Hanson says the Key Players will perform tonight.

5. J. Mather congratulates D. Reigh on a successful Scholastic Meet.

6. D. Reigh congratulates C. Walker for a great Emerson-Wier Symposium. C. Walker announces that the Fall 2009 Giles will be held October 29th with James Nachtwey, and the next Emerson-Wier will be March 10, 2010 with Dr. Steven Pinker.

7. D. Reigh shares that he is working to create an alternative energy demonstration lab on campus.

IX. Adjournment takes place at 11.56. K. Lamar so moves, J. Knapp seconds.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Karjala