Minutes of the USAO Faculty Association

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Signed in as present:


I. Call to Order by President, K. Crow, at 11:06 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 11/06/12 regular meeting of the USAO Faculty Association were delivered electronically by W. Ferrell on 11/30/12. Motion to approve the November 2012 minutes was made by Z. Simpson, seconded by A. Karjala, and passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer’s Report

D. Hanson announced a balance of $967.57.

IV. Old Business

a. AAUP—The president of the AAUP from the University of Oklahoma, Michael Givel, gave an overview of AAUP, its mission, and information about how to join AAUP.

V. Committee Reports

a. Tenure & Promotion Committee--the committee has not met
b. IDS Committee—has not met
c. Resource Committee—has not met
d. Curriculum Committee—W. Ferrell will be the new committee member
e. Faculty Welcoming Committee—has met and developed plans, should have something put together by January
f. Faculty Handbook Committee—
   1. K. Crow discussed the current language in the faculty handbook regarding post-tenure review. After a discussion among the faculty, Z. Simpson made a motion to charge the Faculty Handbook Committee with the task of clarifying the language in the Faculty Handbook regarding the post-tenure review. N. Hector seconded the motion. The vote was taken which included 36 Yes, 0 No, and 2 Abstentions.
g. Ad Hoc Faculty Concerns Committee—A. Karjala reminded faculty of the committee’s purpose and asked if anyone had any questions regarding the memo that
was emailed to all faculty discussing the formal and informal grievances presented to the committee. She explained both informal grievances and the formal grievance to the faculty. After discussion among the group, Z. Simpson made a motion to charge the Faculty Handbook Committee to change the language in the handbook to reflect shared governance concerns. J.C. Casey seconded the motion. A vote was passed unanimously.

VI. New Business
a. Liberal Arts Minor—due to time constraints, J. Long asked to table the discussion until the January meeting.

Announcements
a. N. Warden brought it to the faculties attention that the 2012-2013 calendar has classes beginning after Labor Day.
   b. S. Rees shared with the group information that she had researched online about ACTA.
   c. J. Mather encouraged the group to contribute to the Books for Tots.

VI. Motion to adjourn by J. Finck; second, Z. Simpson, 12:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendi Ferrell