Minutes of the USAO Faculty Association
Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Signed in as present:


I. Call to Order by President, K. Crow, at 11:05 am.

II. Introductory Remarks

K. Crow introduced the Faculty Association Executive Committee and discussed his desire to be a voice for the association.

III. Welcome New Faculty

K. Crow asked Division Chairs to introduce their new faculty members.

Division of Education & Speech Language Pathology—Dr. Matthew Reynolds-
Deaf Education
Division of Sciences & Physical Education—Dr. Jason Shaw-Biology, Dr. John Paul Cook-Mathematics
Division of Social Sciences & Business-Dr. Christopher Garneau-Sociology

IV. Treasurer’s Report

D. Hanson announced a balance of $787.57.

V. Reminder of Faculty Association dues

D. Hanson announced that faculty association dues should be paid as soon as possible.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 04/03/12 regular meeting of the USAO Faculty Association were delivered electronically by W. Ferrell on 08/30/12. Motion to approve the April 2012 minutes was made by N. Osborn, seconded by A. Karjala, and passed unanimously.
VII. Update Concerning Committee Assignments

K. Crow updated the members regarding the process used to assign committee members for Faculty Association Committee’s, as well as the process used to recommend appointments for University Committee’s. The Faculty Association Committee list will be sent to all faculty once the University Committee assignment list has been determined.

VIII. Old Business

No old business was presented.

IX. New Business

- Proposal for an ad hoc “New Faculty Welcoming Committee”
  - K. Crow discussed concerns brought forward by J.C. Sanders, J.C. Casey, and Nancy Warden regarding the need for an ad hoc New Faculty Welcoming Committee. K. Crow discussed that a current university committee called the Faculty/Staff Development Committee does exist and could potentially take on this duty. After further discussion of the duties of the university committee, J.C. Casey made a motion to create an ad hoc New Faculty Welcoming Committee. J. Lutsch second the motion, and the motion passed.

X. Concerns

- N. Osborn expressed that fans are needed in the Field House.
- K. Davis announced that Dottie Smith would be out for the next few weeks and that all work order requests should go directly to Tim Stiger.
- A concern for shared governance was brought up to the group. Members were asked to email items of contention to K.Crow and these items would be discussed at the next faculty association meeting. In addition, faculty members were advised to seek redress of their grievances through the proper channels and if there were any additional concerns to forward them to K. Crow.

XI. Announcements

- Gallery Show, “Unreality” will be September 10
- Davis-Waldorf Performing Arts Series, September 25
- Independent Study Costa Rica informational meeting, September 11, Davis Hall 205
- Giles Symposium will be held October 25, 2012. Lateefah Simon will be the keynote speaker.
- USAO New York Art & Theatre Trip will be held in May

XII. Motion to adjourn by K. Lamar; second, J. Knapp, 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendi Ferrell