UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE
MINUTES
September 7, 2006

Present: Katherine Corby, Christina DeJong, Michael McAlpine, Edmund Rosser, Others: Julie Harrison, Jacqueline Wright.

1. The Agenda for September 7, 2006 was approved.

2. Minutes for the April 6, 2006 meeting were approved.

3. Chairperson’s Remarks

   • Christina DeJong welcomed the new committee and asked each person to briefly introduce him/her self.

   • Christina DeJong presented a brief overview of the expectations for the coming year. The Committee will have two or three college level bylaws reviews to complete. The College of Human Medicine and the College of Osteopathic Medicine are definitely before us. The College of Law has yet to submit their bylaws, but we encourage them to do so and look forward to being able to begin work on them by January 2007. Beyond these activities the committee will discuss changes to the Bylaws for Academic Governance as they arise. Usually these are minor changes, but the recent completion of the Faculty Voice Task Force Reports, especially that of Task Force I on governance, may lead to some more significant changes both this year and next. The chair noted that while the Task Force I Report recommends significant changes in Academic Governance, it does not detail significant changes to the operation of the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG).

4. Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws for Academic Governance

   The Committee approved changes to Bylaws section 3.2.1.5 to reflect changes in the position titles of several ex officio members of Academic Council. The revised section, as approved by UCAG, will read:

   3.2.1.5. The Academic Council shall have the following ex officio members: Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Vice Provost for Libraries, Computing and Technology, Assistant Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement, Senior Associate Provost, Assistant Associate Provost and Assistant Associate Vice President for Academic Human Resources, Assistant Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Assistant Associate Provost for Graduate Education, Assistant Associate Provost for Academic Services, and Registrar, Faculty Grievance Official, Secretary for Academic Governance and Ombudsman.

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New wording
The proposed revision to the *Bylaws for Academic Governance* will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of Academic Council for their October 10, 2006 meeting to be placed on the Academic Council agenda for October 24, 2006.

5. **Participation of Students on Committees**

The Committee briefly discussed a question about student participation in committees raised by a student who had noticed that discussion of personnel matters was handled in an apparently inconsistent way by two different committees. The Military Education Advisory Committee currently encourages student participation in discussions of hiring new instructors. The UCFT, while welcoming student participation in discussions of policy, asks students to leave the meeting during personnel discussions.

Members of UCAG agreed that this apparent discrepancy was due to the different natures of the committees and that students do have input to personnel matters at the college and departmental level, but as stated in *Bylaws* 1.2.3.1.1 and 1.2.3.1.2, their participating in UCFT is more limited.

The changes proposed by Faculty Voice Task Force I would change the mode of student participation in governance. UCAG tabled this issue in hopes that it would soon be clear whether changes resulting from the Voice report would make the issue moot. If not, there may be some need for clarifying language in the *Bylaws*.

6. **College Bylaws Review**

For the benefit of new members it was explained that we are ready to proceed with the review of the Human Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine bylaws documents. The Committee usually does this by designating small groups to take particular care with specific sections prior to the consideration by the whole Committee. Since many members were absent and time is not yet pressing, this division of tasks and specific assignments was deferred until the next meeting.

7. **Other Business**

No other business was raised.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Corby  
Acting Secretary