UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

MINUTES
February 1, 2007

Present: Corby, DeJong, Fraker, Hinojosa, Rosser, Starr; Others: Harrison, Wright, Youatt

Absent: Floyd, Gossain, Johnson, Lindemann, McAlpine

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

2. The agenda was approved and the minutes of the January 11, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Elections: The following faculty members were identified from the Faculty Pool of Volunteers list and will be contacted to see if they are willing to be possibly elected or appointed to the following committees:

   At-Large Faculty replacement from Faculty Council for the Executive Committee on Academic Council:
   Frederick Tims

   At-Large Faculty Election to the Executive Committee of Academic Council:
   Wenjiang Fu
   Merry Morash
   Muraleeharan Nair
   James Potchen
   Jon Sticklen
   Richard Weber

   All-University Awards Committee:
   (Selection from Past Distinguished Faculty and Teacher Scholar Award Winners)
   Cheryl L. Sisk
   John R. Hollenbeck
   Bruce Vandenberg (back up)
   Steven Arnoczky (back up)
   Bryan Ritchie
   Kathy Hoag
   Michael Largey (back up)

   (Selection from Faculty Pool of Volunteers)
   Guofang Li
   Alvin Smucker
   Agnes Haigh Widder
   Nancy Bunge
4. **Faculty Voice Task Force 5 Report/Bylaw Amendments:** Jackie Wright presented a draft of the bylaws with modifications appropriate to reflect the inclusion of fixed term faculty with at least three years of experience as ‘regular faculty’. One additional needed revision was noted: the bylaws will require an additional amendment so that the formula for determining the number of students on Academic Council will remain proportional after the inflation in faculty representation as a result of the expanded definition of faculty and thus the faculty census. The need for the amendment on proportionality will be noted at ECAC. The draft of the revised bylaws was approved as presented.

5. **Bylaws of the Law College:** The subcommittee (Christina DeJong, Phylis Floyd with Jackie Wright and June Youatt) that reviewed the Bylaws for the Law College presented their recommendations to the full committee. The committee reported that their review focused on the substance of the text and its congruence with MSU bylaws, not the style or tone of the bylaws. A memorandum to the Law College will be prepared by Jackie Wright which outlines the recommendations for modifications which: a) suggest clarification on some points, b) suggest elaboration in some areas (i.e., the role and function of student governance) or c) recommend modifications which clarify the relationship of the bylaws to accreditation standards.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Draft Minutes Submitted by June Youatt