The UCFA completed the follow tasks during 2016-2017 Academic Year

- Reviewed, discussed, suggested revisions to the process and input from MSU faculty patent holders to review (completed) and the full committee finally passed, an amended Patent Policy (recommended by Rich Chylla)
- Reviewed and approved the Provost’s letter to faculty and administrators for Promotion and Tenure (both semesters)
- Continued an ongoing discussion of a recommended Mediation Policy from the FGO office—amended the policy and passed Faculty Senate April 2017
- Discussed various revisions to SIRS or teaching evaluation instruments used by diverse colleges and disciplines. Motion for Steering Committee to set up an ad hoc committee to address the issue
- Met with Professor R. Sekhar Chivukula to assess the various tools used institutionally for teaching evaluation and also the required options and any changes proposed. Professor Richard Miksicek also joined the meeting and followed up with the establishment of a sub-committee to included members of UCFA to further study the issue
- Ongoing and yet unresolved: a recommendation from 2015 to support MSU’s payment to retirement benefits for summer teaching—passed in UCFA but no final implementation from Budget office
- Began and developed a more detailed survey for the FGO office review
- Received report from UCAG on the role of fixed term faculty in the governance system in April 2017. Plans for UCFA to review and make recommendations during 2017-2018.
- Usual tasks: 1) Implemented survey and reviewed results, and wrote assessment letter to the Provost on the FGO office and personnel; 2) Developed through the Budget office Salary Recommendations for 2017-2018.