Committee Name: University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT)

Chairperson: Michael Kroth

Meetings Held (Dates):
- September 3, 2008
- September 17, 2008
- October 1, 2008
- October 15, 2008
- October 29, 2008
- November 12, 2008
- January 21, 2009
- February 4, 2009
- February 18, 2009
- April 29, 2009

1. Give a brief description of committee activities and/or issues discussed and actions taken/recommendations made and to whom.

The focus of UCFT, in accordance with the Bylaws for Academic Governance, the UCFT reviews extensions to the probationary tenure system appointments as they are received. The UCFT reviewed nine requests during the 2008-09 academic year. All information on the requests is confidential.

The UCFT has reviewed and posted the College level guidelines for appointment, promotion and tenure from each of the colleges on its website (www1.provost.msu.edu/UCFT/UCFT_Guidelines.htm).

The UCFT reviewed and approved revisions to the Operating Principle of the Tenure System #5 and #6, and proposed amendments to the Granting Tenure Policy. The revised language was endorsed by Provost Wilcox and recommended to the Executive Committee of Academic Council for consideration by Faculty Council and Academic Council. Faculty Council and Academic Council approved the revisions to the Operating Principles of the Tenure System and Tenure Policy. The revised policy was scheduled for the April 24, 2009 BOT meeting.

2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters which should be considered in 2009-10.

Prospective agenda items for the UCFT include addressing personnel matters as received and an expected request to review Form D in the future. The UCFT continues to review College level tenure guidelines.

3. Comment on problems and/or issues that have made the work of the committee more difficult.

None

4. Please make any suggestions about how the academic governance system might be modified to improve the committee’s work.

None