FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2001

Members Present: Pauline Clance, Marsha Clarkson, Bonnie Fritz, Gerald Gay, Marty Grace, Julie Hotchkiss, Greg Lewis, Ramona Matthews, Marian Meyers, Linda Nelson, Charlotte Petrek, Ted Poister, Jim Senn, Cherian Thachenkary Lyn Thaxton, Roger Weed, Diane Willen

Members Absent: Jean Bevis, Myra Carmon, John Diehl, Carolyn Denard, Nancy Floyd, Ronald Henry, Katherine Johnston, Charles Marvin, Richard Miller, Dave Pavesic, Carol Winkler

Guest: Hugh Hudson

Diane Willen, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes for the January 17, 2001 meeting were approved as amended. The spelling of Cherian Thachenkary’s name was corrected and Marsha Clarkson was moved from the list of absentees to the list of attendees. Lyn Thaxton made a correction regarding the University Librarian’s status.

Non-tenure Track Subcommittee
Marsha Clarkson explained that the subcommittee’s interpretation of its charge from the Executive Committee was to compile data on compliance issues regarding Board of Regents Policy on non-tenure track faculty. The Committee did not interpret the charge to include policy recommendations. Jim Senn asked how the Committee determined its interpretation to be correct; Clarkson responded that both Hugh Hudson and BOR Vice Chancellor Papp agreed with the committee’s understanding of BOR policies. Willen cited a letter from the Vice Chancellor to support Clarkson’s claim. Linda Nelson asked if all members of the Subcommittee agreed with this interpretation of the charge; Clarkson responded that they all agreed on the interpretation though they did not all agree with the policy itself.

Clarkson distributed the report and explained the process by which the data on compliance was collected. The Committee voted to send the report to the Executive Committee. Willen thanked Clarkson for her work.

Policy on Amorous Relationships
The Policy on Amorous Relationships, as passed by the Senate in December 2000, was rescinded at the Senate meeting in March 2001. Willen reported that on the morning before the Senate meeting, Hugh Hudson told her there would be a motion to refer the Policy on Amorous Relationships back to the Subcommittee, as requested by the Executive Committee. Hudson made the motion, but the Senate responded that the only way to send the Policy back to Committee was to rescind it. Roger Weed requested that motions be disclosed, whenever feasible, at least one calendar week in advance of a meeting. He argued that the Subcommittee was unprepared and unable to provide written documentation about the Policy during the debate.

The Senate expressed a concern about due process guidelines that were excluded from the Policy. Marian Meyers said that the Subcommittee excluded due process guidelines from the Policy because it felt that the University’s existing system of due process would suffice.

The Subcommittee will continue to work on the policy for the fall.

Evaluation of Administrators
Diane Willen reported that the Subcommittee will recommend a more descriptive 5-point rating scale for the instruments and that it will devise an instrument for the associate provost of IS&T by fall 2001.

Bookstore
Diane Willen reported that Wade Douglas, the bookstore manager, invites faculty to meet with him to discuss their concerns. She added that the issue of ordering through Banner is still unresolved.

The next Faculty Affairs meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24, 2001.
Dr. Willen adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:25 p.m.