Members present: Murray Brown, Conrad Ciccotello, Tim Crimmins, Dan Franklin, Amy Lederberg, Peter Lyons, John Marshall, Ed Palmer, Ellen Podgor, Tammy Sugarman, Neven Valev, Carol Winkler.

Members absent: Marti Singer, Kimberly Smith, Susan Talburt, Tracy Van Voris.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Murray Brown, at 10:35 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the March 20th minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was a discussion about the method that the SAC would be using to elect the staff senators. After some discussion, it was determined that SAC’s method seemed in order and composing a “point of order” message to that group was unnecessary.

The next item was a discussion of the proposal sent forward by Tim Crimmins to modify the University Statutes, Article IX. His rationale was that we needed to balance the exclusion of full-time visiting and temporary faculty from being counted for Senate representation in Article VI with the role we expect these faculty to play in college and departmental affairs in Article IX. He distributed a handout showing the relevant sections of the University Statutes and of the BOR Policy Manual. The floor was opened for discussion. Carol Winkler explained how her department handled this issue. Amy Lederberg talked about how her department dealt with its internal governance. She stated that the colleges and/or departments should be able to determine how to deal with visiting and temporary faculty and that it shouldn’t be a policy at the university level. The rights and duties of visiting and temporary faculty were discussed. There was disagreement regarding the issue of whether these two groups of faculty, by virtue of being faculty, had the right to vote. Discussion turned to whether or not this issue should even be raised at all. After some continued discussion, Dr. Crimmins withdrew his proposal.

Since there was no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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