University Faculty Council Meeting Minutes  
September 4, 2015

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 by acting Chair, Anand Rao.

Present: Marie Scheckels (COE), John Broome (COE), Nicole Crowder (CAS), Kurt Glaeser (CAS), Chuck Whipkey (CAS), David Rettinger (CAS), Margaret Ray (CAS), David Ambuel (CAS), Paul Fallon (CAS), Marie Wellington (CAS) Gregg Stull (at-large), Anand Rao (at-large); Kristin Marsh (at-large), Woody Richardson (COB), Ken Machande (COB), Jonathan Levin (Provost)

Absent: Janine Davis (COE), Rosalyn Cooperman (CAS), Dave Henderson (COB)

II. The primary objective of the meeting was to elect officers for 2015/2016. Jonathan Levin called for nominations for Chair. Anand Rao was unanimously elected. Anand then presided over the remainder of the meeting. For Vice-Chair, Kristin Marsh was unanimously elected. For Secretary, Ken Machande was elected, with one abstention (Woody Richardson).

III. The UFC needed to elect a member to the University Curriculum Committee. Margaret Ray was unanimously elected to that position.

Jonathan suggested that one of the major issues the UFC will face this year is the 4-hour class proposal. The committee held a discussion about the mechanics of hearing all opinions about the proposal.

A lengthy discussion was held pertaining to transparency of the UFC meetings. Some suggested that the meetings should be video recorded and posted (password protected) for faculty and staff availability. Others suggested that the meeting was open, and if someone had such an interest in our meetings, that person should attend. The committee agreed without a vote to record the meetings, and the meetings are available to UFC members if a statement or issue is called into question in the future. The recordings can also be used to verify the minutes of the meetings.

V. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UFC is on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 3:30pm, in the ITCC’s Digital Auditorium.