

UDMPU Board Meeting Minutes - 9/11/07

Present: Stokes Baker; Mike Canjar; Cindy Gillham; Mary Higby; Heather Hill-Vásquez; JoAnne Isbey; Doug MacDonald; Kris McLonis; Stephen Manning; Kate Walters; Prasad Venugopal; Larry Zeff

I. Call to order.

II. Announcements.

- a. Canjar announced that the MEA strike appears to be settled.
- b. McLonis will follow up on potential survey of UDMPU members. Distribution of the survey will occur after the election of the PNC at the General Membership meeting on 9/18.
- c. Canjar announced that Steve Nelson is eager to begin work with a Benefits Sub-Committee once that committee is formed.

III. Minutes of 8/28 meeting were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. McLonis reported \$21, 982.32 in checking and \$73, 757.63 in savings for a total of \$93,739.95 in the Comerica accounts.
- b. McLonis reported that a check in the amount of \$18, 393.31 was in preparation for MEA dues. It was suggested that the amount seemed rather high. McLonis will check on the amount and report to the Board.
- c. McLonis reported that she had checked with Comerica regarding the service charges discussed at the last Board meeting. McLonis will explore the possibility of changing the account to a "basic business account" in order to lower or eliminate the service charges. The main issue appears to be access to cancelled checks. If electronic access to cancelled checks provides sufficient record keeping, then perhaps we should make the switch and thus eliminate the service charges.
- d. McLonis reported that she had completed the Labor Department Report (aka the "LM-3").
- e. MacDonald, in his capacity as chair of the Audit Sub-Committee announced that the committee needs financial information from the end of the last reporting period in order to complete the committee's next report.
- f. The UDMPU's contribution to a memorial for Gerry Curtsinger was discussed. While members of the Board had suggested contributing money to a fund for a memorial tree and plaque on campus, Zeff reminded the Board that a contribution had previously been made in Curtsinger's memory to the Faculty Memorial Scholarship Fund in July 2006. As this is standard procedure in the event of the death of a UDMPU member, it was decided that any contributions to the memorial tree and plaque should be on an individual basis. Manning will send an e-mail announcing this and will indicate that donations may be made at the General Membership meeting on 9/18. In addition, Hill-Vásquez will send a letter on UDMPU letterhead to Curtsinger's family regarding the UDMPU's contribution to the Scholarship Fund.
- g. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion passed.

V. Grievance Report

a. Manning announced that faculty and staff parking has perhaps become more problematic due to the construction of the athletic field. It was suggested that the issue be placed on the agenda for the next E.L.

b. On a positive note, MacDonald communicated that the improved signage for faculty parking at Reno seems to be helping to reduce the amount of students parking in faculty spaces.

c. Manning reported that he is getting closer and closer to scheduling a conversation with attorney Michael Lee regarding the law suit brought against the UDMPU and the UDM administration by a UDMPU member.

d. Manning also reported that we are getting closer to scheduling a meeting with AAUP representatives in order to consider a change from our affiliation with the MEA.

e. Manning indicated that he has received a pre-grievance inquiry regarding potential violations of faculty rights concerning curriculum issues. The inquiry concerns a potential violation of procedure as well as outcome. A meeting with the AVP may become necessary. The Board also discussed how the potential violations appear to ignore the spirit of shared governance. The Board will work with the MFA regarding the potential violations.

f. McLonis and Gillham provided an update on the security issue in the library. The issue remains unresolved. The Board made the following recommendations:

- 1) the issue will be put on the agenda for the next E.L. in order to ensure that there is a Public Safety presence at the library near and at closing time every evening.

- 2) in the meantime, librarians working the closing shift should call Public Safety and request an officer's presence every night near and at closing time

- 3) librarians working the closing shift should also keep a log of all potentially dangerous patrons as well as the response and presence of Public Security

g. McLonis and Gillham reported on potential problems with the use of non-contract time for librarians. The Board discussed the issue (with reference to 6.1b in the contract). There appears to be a recent change regarding how individual's use of non-contract time is decided. The main point which emerged from the discussion was that past practice usually affects the interpretation of the contract so any change may be an issue for concern.

h. A motion was made to accept the Grievance Report and the motion passed.

VI. General Membership Meeting - 9/18/07, LS 113

a. A PNC will be elected at the meeting.

b. A motion was made to appropriate up to \$200 for food and beverages for the meeting and the motion passed.

c. A questionnaire will be passed out at the meeting.

VII. As recommended by Manning, the Board agreed to move its October 23 meeting to October 30 in order to not conflict with a Core Curriculum meeting also scheduled for October 23.

VIII. A motion was made to adjourn and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Hill-Vásquez

