

MINUTES
Commission on Faculty Affairs
April 26, 1985

The meeting convened in 2093 Derring at 2:04 p.m.

Present: T.W. Bonham, J.E. Bowker, G.C. Debney, D.R. Farkas, J.F. Johnson, J.B. Manheim, K.T. McCartney, J. Perry for D.P. Roselle, C.W. Steger, G.W. Swift

Absent: J.C. Eisenhart, C. Polan

I. Announcements. The Chair circulated a copy of the letter with the Commission's recommendations for new UDPs. The Provost's office has acted on these appointments.

The Benefits Committee has recommended that the small overpayment on TIAA disability insurance for 1984 be refunded to faculty.

The grievance and appeals subcommittee meets on May 13.

Draft resolution 1984-85-F, the long-awaited RIF policy, was disseminated for study and future action.

II. Agenda. The agenda was adopted.

III. Minutes. Minutes of the meeting of April 12, 1985 were approved.

IV. Affiliated Research Fellows. After review by several University officers, cosmetic changes were made in the original draft. Additional clarifying language was discussed. A formal resolution, which proposes a program of institutional support for academically qualified spouses of University faculty, will be presented at the next meeting.

V. Honorary degrees. The Provost is consulting with the Commission about the advisability of, and possible procedures for, awarding honorary degrees. The Commission expressed support for the concept and discussed the make-up of a committee to review nominees. Dr. Perry stated that the Commission would have an opportunity to review any such program the Provost might recommend.

VI. Tenure probation. Extensions of the tenure probationary period have occasionally been made under circumstances that were extraordinary and not likely to recur. The Commission began discussion of a general procedure to cover such instances.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Farkas