

ASAC General Meeting 2-18-04

In attendance: Joan, Andrew, Craig, Gretchen, Lynne, John, Tom C., Sherri, and Joe

Gretchen reported that the Professional Development subcommittee had several meetings scheduled. Meetings are posted on Angel.

The SOS subcommittee reported that they had a meeting on 2/2/04 with Dave Byelich to discuss University budget issues. The group is meeting with him again on 2/23/04.

Faron was not present to discuss the Professional Development program. The ASAC members in attendance discussed it and felt that we still had time to get the letter and forms together. Donna Zischke had made some comments about the 10% match to Lynne via email but she was not sure what Donna had meant and hoped to get clarification from her before the forms went out. Donna Zischke is out of town until the first of March. Lynne said she would talk to Faron about it. Tom Carter said he had all of the forms on his computer. The group thought that if they went out toward the end of March, it would still give the review group plenty of time.

Tom Carter reported that the election process was under way. We all agreed we would encourage people we think would be positive contributors to ASAC to run.

Lynne reported that she had made connection with the UCFA. At this point the UCFA stance regarding the annual salary increase is to recommend to the Provost that the faculty get whatever percentage raise is necessary to raise the average faculty salary to the middle of Big Ten schools (per an agreement with the Provost to raise and make competitive faculty salaries). UCFA did not yet have a percentage recommendation because they were still collecting and reviewing budget and salary information.

UCFA requested that ASAC support their request for an increase in the health care spending account cap and also for making long-term care insurance available. ASAC agreed to support these and would include this in the annual letter sent to the Provost.

Next meeting is March 17th. Lynne is unable to attend and asked for a volunteer to run the meeting. John and Sherri agreed that one of them would do so.