Minutes – Meeting of April 11, 2007 – AAUP UNC-CH Chapter

Attending: Carl Ernst, Frank Dominguez, Altha Cravey, Diane Leonard

The meeting opened at 3 p.m.

1. Reports:
   a. The AAUP has sent a document recognizing our chapter.
   b. The Faculty Council on Mar. 23 voted on revisions presented by the Governance Committee to the faculty code. A motion was presented at that meeting by Frank Dominguez to amend the proposed revision to Article 6.3, which had been a subject of discussion at our Feb. 23 meeting. Frank’s motion to preserve the consultative nature of budget decisions by department chair and dean, as well as the option of department chairs to petition to the provost in case of disagreement, was passed.
   c. The state meeting of the AAUP on Mar. 30-31 was described as highly successful.

2. The Hope initiative proposed by Andrew Perrin was approved unanimously.

3. Other business:
   a. Frank will locate the figures on contingent faculty at UNC and distribute them at our next meeting in the fall.
   b. The impact of distance learning on UNC was discussed.
   c. Diane raised the issue of appealing post-tenure reviews.
   d. The current revision of the faculty code will evidently take place before we have been able to receive a report on its compliance with national AAUP guidelines. Carl will follow up with Glenn Howze on this matter.
   e. Carl will also follow up with Senior Assistant Dean Bill Andrews on issues relating to research and study leaves, including the unfunded mandate to prioritize newly tenured faculty; the award of such leaves to new faculty on arrival; the need for more funding for such leaves, in comparison with other universities; and the effect of lecturers on such leaves.