

Local Negotiations Committee Minutes
September 7, 2007
10:00-11:00 a.m., Robinson 315

Members attending: Steve Marvel, Tara Mitchell, David Russell

Chair Mitchell convened the meeting at 10 a.m. She began by describing the charge of the Local Negotiations Committee to new members Marvel and Russell.

Chair Mitchell then commenced a discussion regarding how to get faculty more engaged in local and governance issues and how to acquaint them with the Local Negotiations Committee and its function. Mitchell suggested a faculty-wide e-mail explaining what the committee does and encouraging comments and questions. She also was seeking approval for an addition to the APSCUF website that would provide a form for people to submit questions and concerns.

One suggestion by Marvel was that the committee might change its name to better indicate what its function is. Mitchell indicated that a name change request has been submitted to the by-laws subcommittee. Proposed name changes include the "local issues committee" and the "local governance committee."

The committee discussed how to respond to any requests received from the faculty. The consensus was that all requests should be acknowledged and that if a request was not within the purview of the committee, we could suggest alternative remedies (such as consultation with department chairs and/or the appropriate dean).

The committee currently has one proposal to be submitted to the State Negotiations team. The consensus of the committee is to wait until January to submit this proposal and any others received so that final work on the current contract can be concluded.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.