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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
June 20, 2013

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President-Elect, Mark Fitch and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, Steve Corns, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Bob Dubois, Cassie Elrod, (Daniel Tauritz for) Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Abhijit Gosavi, Steve Grant, (George D. Waddill for) Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, (Merilee Krueger for) Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, (Kelvin Erickson for) Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Nicholas Leventis, Ronaldo Luna, Bruce McMillin, Ashok Midha, Mark Mullin, Daniel Oerther, Ted Read, Robert Roe, (Michael Bruening for) Jeff Schramm, Tom Schuman, Dan Stutts, Shoaib Usman, Doug Welter, Paul Worsley, David Wright, Chengshan Xiao, Wan Yang

II. Approval of April 18, 2013 meeting minutes

The April 18, 2013 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report – Mark Fitch

Dr. Fitch reported on the Intercampus Faculty Council and the Defined Benefit Plan. He mentioned the Strategic Plan Draft which would be reported on by Provost Wray later during the meeting.

The new Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Walt Branson, will begin on August 1st.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2013/FS_Slides_June_2013.FINAL.pptx

B. Administrative Reports

i. Provost Wray for Chancellor Schrader

Provost Wray began by saying that Chancellor Schrader would like to thank all that participated in developing the Strategic Plan. In addition to the campus investments in the plan, the campus put forward three requests for strategic initiative funding. These requests were addressed as Levers 2.2, 3.3, and 2.5.

President Wolfe has indicated that funding decisions will be made known by mid-August.

The campus Master Plan is a few years old. We will be updating that this coming year. A consultant will be hired who specializes in master planning who will prepare that for us. There will be plenty of opportunities for campus feed to that.

In the Strategic Plan there are a number of actions that call for development of some endowment accounts. That coincides with Advancement's planning for the next capital campaign, so those will all be included into a comprehensive capital campaign.

As Mark mentioned, the new Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration is Walter Branson. He comes to us from being a Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He will start here on August 1st.

On the budget, the academic departments were held to a minimal average reduction that was about .5%. Academic Affairs, as a unit, had an average of 1.1% reduction. Units external to Academic Affairs had cuts ranging from 3.2% to 5%. Academic Affairs did well in comparing to the other divisions.

The new Vice President for Academic Affairs at the UM System was announced last week, Henry Foley. He goes by the name of Hank. He is currently the Vice President for Research and also Dean of the Graduate School at Penn State. He was former Chair of Chemical Engineering at Penn State. He has graduate degrees in Chemistry.

ii. Provost Wray

Provost Wray reported on the Office of International Affairs, Enrollment Management, Global Learning, and Office of Sponsored Programs.

Congratulations to Yew San Hor for receiving the NSF CAREER award in the amount of \$538,000.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/document/s/provost/2013/June_2013_Positive_Happenings_Academic_Affairs.pptx

Provost Wray's next topic was the Strategic Plan. He focused on the part of the plan that would have particular interest to the Senate.

All four campuses have developed a Strategic Plan that feeds up to System. System has developed its Strategic Plan. All of our academic departments and all of our non-academic departments will have to develop Strategic Plans over the coming year that is in association with the campus plan.

Provost Wray gave information regarding the numbers of people that participated on this campus in the preparation of the Strategic Plan.

The Strategy Statement contains an objective, a scope, and an advantage. In particular, was pointed out the last line of the statement regarding experiential learning opportunities. The Strategy Statement has 4 themes and 188 actions. More information was provided regarding the themes and levers.

Provost Wray spoke about theme 1 of the Plan, Prioritized Action 1.1.1, and Prioritized Action 1.1.2.

We made the deadline of having the draft Strategic Plan submitted to UM System by June 3rd as well as the Strategic Initiative Funding Requests. August 15th will be the Strategic Investment Funding decisions. August – September plans will be communicated to the campus. September – October will be finalizing the plan and submitting it to the Board of Curators for their acceptance.

A position will be created called the Strategic Planning Progress Coordinator (SPPC). That person will report directly to the Chancellor. The Lever Leaders will report to this Progress Coordinator. A group of 5 or 6 people, called the Innovation Team, will evaluate ideas or improvements on the Strategic Plan and examine whatever action needs to be taken.

Some discussion ensued.

The draft of the Strategic Plan is on the Provost's website at:
<https://provost.mst.edu/secure/newstrategicplan/> .

Strategic Planning PPT for Faculty Senate:
http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/document/s/strategicplanning/June_20_2013_Strategic_Planning_Slides_for_Faculty_Senate.pptx

C. Staff Council Report – Bridgette Betz

Staff Day was held on May 29th. Between t-shirt sales, raffle, silent auction and things done to help raise money for Staff Day, approximately \$6400 was raised.

This is approximately \$800 more than last year. Staff Day is self-sufficient, so any money raised goes right back into it and any other activities that Staff Council is able to do throughout the year.

The annual blood drive which Staff Council promotes is Tuesday – Thursday, June 25 – 27, in St. Pat's A & B of the Havener Center, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. They are looking to have 35 donors total which means they will need to bring in 40 people per day for those three days.

Intercampus Staff Advisory Council will have a member on the Total Rewards Ad Hoc Task Force.

D. Student Council – Ashley Koesterer

Student Council is still trying to find a sponsor for the turf fields.

Ashley has talked to Dr. Cawlfeld about having intersessions or a study abroad option over winter break.

Student Council is co-sponsoring a blood marrow drive on Wednesday, June 26th, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, right outside of the blood drive.

Ashley will be going to DC for an NCLC Presidential Summit where they will be talking about the increase in student loans.

E. Council of Graduate Students – Krista Limmer

Krista presented the CGS election results for May 2013 – May 2014:

- Krista Limmer – President
- Mahdi Arezoumandi – Vice President
- Sree Siddhardha Vasireddy – Secretary
- Saurabh Sahasrabuddhe – Treasurer

Krista is planning to do a departmental survey this summer to gather some baseline information in order to update the CGS collection of files. She will be talking to graduate chairs or department heads.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/cgs/2013/June_2013_Faculty_Senate.pptx

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – Michael Davis

i. Committee Nominations

Ballots were passed out to all of the voting members of the Faculty Senate.

Before proceeding with the election, Dr. Davis noted that at the last Faculty Senate meeting the slate of Faculty Senate officers and IFC representatives was presented. Missouri Association for Faculty Senates should also be a part of that. The representatives for that are the President-Elect and the President as alternate. RP&A moved that the names of Mark Fitch, as President, and Martin Bohner, as President-Elect, would be the representatives for Missouri Association for Faculty Senates.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

The slate of representatives passed unanimously.

Election of Standing Committees

RP&A proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A for the 2013 – 2014 Academic Freedom and Standards, Budgetary Affairs, Facilities Planning, Honorary Degrees, Library and Learning Resources, Personnel, Student Affairs, Parking, Student Scholastic Appeals, Curricula, and Administrative Review committees.

Nominations were accepted from the floor. One name was removed due to the fact that the nominee will be leaving the University.

Procedurally Dr. Davis continued with the RP&A report during the voting period and counting of votes by Melanie Mormile.

ii. Add-Drop Motion

RP&A received some requests from the Registrar's Office to change some of the student academic regulation changes. RP&A made a motion to approve the following two statements:

“Remove “(6 during an 8-week summer session)” from section VIII.E.2. This will clarify that the semester honor roll is only calculated for Spring and Fall Semesters.

No opposition to motion. Motion approved.

Insert the Collected Rules and Regulation section as the reference for FERPA, and remove the text which starts on page 6 with section I.2.A and ends on page 11 with section I.2.R. Section I.2 should be changed to read: Confidentiality Policy The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. For details on the Missouri S&T implementation of FERPA

reference University of Missouri System Collected Rules and Regulations section 180.020 Student Records. In addition a link to the policy in the CR&R will be added for ease of navigation.

No opposition to motion. Motion approved.

RP&A made a motion to approve the following statement:

Replace in Student Academic Regulations, Section IV.A.1, the second and third sentences with “From the third through sixth week (second and third week of an eight-week summer session), a student may only add Research, Special Problem, or Seminar courses and must receive the permission of his/her advisor, the instructor of the course, and the chair of the department teaching the course. Students may not add any courses after the sixth week (third week of an eight-week summer session) of the semester.”

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Haynes requested an amendment to the motion as follows:
“From the third through sixth week (second and third week of an eight-week summer session), a student may only add courses with the permission of the advisor, the instructor of the course, and the chair of the department teaching the course.”

A second was received.

Further discussion ensued and amendment to the motion was withdrawn.
A second was received.

The original motion passed by a show of hands, 12 in favor and 6 opposed.

Dr. Davis proceeded by reporting on the following item:

- Referral to Student Affairs Committee
 - Grade replacement for courses that are taken between the University of Missouri System campuses.

Details may be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/rpa/reports/2013/RPA%20slides%20for%20september%202012.pptx>

B. Facilities Planning – David Wright

Dr. Wright reported on the following current projects:

- Geothermal Energy Project, Project No.: 111708
- NW Mall Landscape Improvements, Project No.: 111708L3
- Bertelsmeyer Hall, Project No.: 114262
- McNutt Hall Mechanical Renovation, Project No.: 117798
- Comp. Sci., Eng. Mgmt. and ERL Mechanical Renovation, Project No.: 118512

Dr. Wright continued his report with the following design projects:

- ERL/MRC Programming Study, Project No.: 103516
- Bullman Multi-Purpose Parking lot replacement, Project No.: 107402
- Schrenk Hall heating conversion, Project No.: 119110
- Campus Lighting, Project No.: 215123
- Bullman Multi-Purpose HVAC Renewal, Project No.: 222674
- IDE & Nuclear Reactor heating conversion, Project No.: 222675
- Parker, Norwood and Harris Hall HVAC Replacement, Project No.: 222673
- Rayl Cafeteria HVAC renovation, Project No.: 224740
- Quad dorm HVAC study, Project No.: 224741
- Physics Building HVAC conversion to geothermal, Project No.: 220443

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/facilitiesplanning/2012-2013/Facilities_PPT_06.20.13_FINAL.pptx

C. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

i. Course Renumbering Motion

The Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of this report's DC and CC forms. This includes 5 Degree Change (DC) forms: DC0466, DC 0472, DC 0474, DC0475, DC 0476, 10 Course Change (CC) forms, and 7 Experimental Course (EC) forms (*informational only*).

A motion to approve the submitted forms as posted on the web was passed with no opposition.

The Campus Curricula Committee is happy to announce that, barring any unforeseen circumstances, the curricula forms will be submitted electronically via workflow, beginning in August 2013.

A short discussion ensued.

Dr. Tauritz gave some background information regarding the course renumbering initiative.

The Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of the course renumbering proposal consisting of the course renumbering scheme document and FAQ as posted on the Provost's website.

Some discussion followed.

The motion passed by a voice vote with no opposition.

Details may be found at the following links:

[Curricula.Report.FS.06.20.13](#)

[Curricula.Slides.FS.06.20.13](#)

Proposed course numbering scheme and accompanying FAQ accessed through the Provost's website at:

<http://provost.mst.edu/secure/courserenumberingcommittee/>

D. ITCC – Donald Wunsch – No report

At this time Dr. Fitch asked that the Body allow him to suspend the order in order to recognize again Dr. Davis with the reporting of the results of the election. There was no opposition.

The results of the election are as follows:

Academic Freedom and Standards

Don Madison, Anthony Okafor, and Bijaya Shrestha

Budgetary Affairs

Al Crosbie, Stephanie Fitch, and Jagannathan Sarangapani

Facilities Planning

Steven Corns, Kelvin Erickson, Gregory Gelles, and Timothy Philpot

Honorary Degrees

Suzanna Long, Julia Medvedeva, Kathleen Sheppard, and Steve Watkins

Library and Learning Resources

Michael Bruening, Jun Fan, Jennifer Pattershall-Geide, and Michelle Phillips

Personnel

Michael Davis, Ali Hurson, and Chengshan Xiao

Student Affairs

Steven Grant, Anthony Okafor, Michelle Phillips, and Oran Allan Pringle

Parking

Diana Ahmad, Ashok Midha, Timothy Philpot, Chaman Sabharwal, and Gerald Wilemski

Student Scholastic Appeals

Patrick Huber and Dan Lin

Curricula

Thomas Schuman

Administrative Review

Maggie Cheng and Chengshan Xiao

V. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

No report.

VI. New Business and Announcements

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 14:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
(Melanie Mormile for)
Martin Bohner, Secretary