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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
September 16, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President K.M. Isaac and roll was taken.

Those whose names are **grayed** out below were absent.

Levent Acar, Baojun Bai, S.N. Balakrishnan, Jerry Bayless, Gretchen Brockfeld, Brenden Burke, W.J. Charatonik, Michael Davis, Cassie Elrod, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Patrick Huber, Wayne Huebner, K.M. Isaac, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Ray Luechtefeld, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Julia Medvedeva, Glenn Morrison, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Pericles Stavropoulos, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao

The following substitutions were noted: Neil Book for Daniel Forciniti

The June 17, 2010 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. New President

Michael Schulz introduced newly-elected President Isaac and presented him a gavel.

b. President Report – K.M. Isaac

Presentation of Plaques

Plaques were presented to Neil Book and Greg Gelles in appreciation for their service to Faculty Senate.

Presentation of Plaque to Past President of Faculty Senate

The following resolution was **passed** unanimously:

FS10-11res-1:

Whereas Professor Michael Schulz has served the Missouri University of Science & Technology Faculty Senate since 2007 as Parliamentarian, President-Elect, and President;

Whereas, as an Officer of the Faculty Senate, Professor Schulz has demonstrated hard work, good judgment, and vigilance in these positions;

Whereas, Professor Schulz 's leadership skills have helped the campus navigate through difficult budgetary crises;

Whereas Professor Schulz has been a tireless champion of shared governance and the university's primary mission;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science & Technology does hereby sincerely thank Professor Schulz for many jobs well done and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2010, at the meeting of the Missouri University of Science & Technology Faculty Senate.

President Isaac gave reports on Faculty Senate Items for 2010-2011, Benefits, Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC), and Governor's Higher Education Summit.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/presidentreports/KMIsaac.09.16.10.pptx>

c. Administrative Report – Chancellor John F. Carney III

“Miners on the Move” kickoff was held yesterday. This is a voluntary, confidential pilot program sponsored by S&T of Human Resource Services and the UM System Healthy for Life: T.E. Atkins UM Wellness Program. The Chancellor encouraged everyone to participate in this wellness program.

Chevron was on campus November 10, 2010. It was a successful day.

Monday, November 20, 2010, Boeing Day was held on campus with 25-30 coming from St. Louis.

Career Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

Board of Trustees meeting is Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, 2010 in St. Louis.

Board of Curators meeting is Thursday and Friday, September 30-October 1, 2010 in Springfield, MO.

Homecoming Weekend will be held from Friday, October 1, through Sunday, October 3, 2010.

The Chancellor showed slides of the construction projects progress that is taking place on campus.

Slides can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/chancellor/Carney.FS.09.16.10.pptx>

d. Administrative Report – Provost Wray

Provost Wray gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Global Learning, Graduate Studies, International Affairs, Sponsored Programs and Undergraduate Studies.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/provost/DrWray.FS.Report.09.16.10.ppt>

e. Staff Council Report – Jessie Singleton

Jessie Singleton is the new President for Staff Council. New Staff Council members and officers were installed but due to lack of time, campus committee representatives were not elected.

f. Student Council Report – Drew Skyles (substitute for Pres. Michael Schwartz)

Student Council is working to establish an honor code.

Student Council interest survey will be presented at the end of each semester.

The council is looking to establish a network of communication between other STEM schools for future issues which may arise within the engineering field.

g. Council of Graduate Students – Vishwanath Gandikota

Vishwanath Gandikota is the new President for the Council of Graduate Students.

GCS worked with the Office of Graduate Studies to organize webinars and pre-departure orientations for incoming students.

The council participated in the International Student Orientation program.

GCS is supporting the energy awareness campaign on campus. Vishwanath gave several examples of how to conserve energy on campus including turning off computer monitors.

CGS held its first general meeting for the semester on August 18, 2010.

Elections were completed and about twenty CGS representatives are serving on various campus committees including Faculty Senate.

A comment was made regarding graduate student expenses while on campus. The amount needed for the I-20 seemed higher than what is actually required. The CGS will look into the matter and report back to the Faculty Senate next month.

Details can be found at the following link:
<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/cgs/CGS.09.16.10.ppt>

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – Michael Schulz

RP&A made a referral to the Personnel Committee/Defined Benefits vs Defined Contributions

With input from ITCC, RP&A proposed the following amendment to the motion of ITCC:

The campus faculty representative providing signature of approval should be the President of Faculty Senate, or if he/she is unavailable the Past President, or if he/she is unavailable the President Elect.

Lance Haynes moved to accept the motion as amended.
The motion passed unanimously.

RP&A made the following motion: “Be it resolved that the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate respectfully requests representation on the UM Shared Services Oversight Committee.”

The motion passed unanimously.

RP&A made the following motion: “S&T Faculty Senate moves to have President Isaac convey its recommendation to IFC that the System Awards should be focused on the main responsibilities of the faculty.”

There was a move to recognize Steve Raper to speak to the Faculty Senate. It was seconded. Steve spoke about the System award processes and new awards to be added, including Innovative teaching award, Excellence award, Faculty engagement award, Intercampus collaboration award, University citizenship award, and Economic development award to replace the old awards. Michael Schulz expressed concern that the focus could shift too much to “non-traditional” activities at the expense of the major responsibilities.

A motion was made by Lance Haynes to amend the original motion from RP&A. “After reviewing the reports from the IFC presentation regarding the new system awards, the Faculty Senate moves to have President Isaac convey its recommendation to IFC that the System Awards should be focused on the main responsibilities of the faculty.”

1 Opposed, the amendment passes.

A motion to pass the main motion passed unanimously.

Michael Schulz reported the need to replace the open representative slot on the Intellectual Property Committee. RP&A recommended Dr. Eun-Soo Park for the vacant position. He asked for other nominations but none were given.

A motion to approve Dr. Eun-Soo Park as a representative on the Intellectual Property Committee was passed unanimously.

Michael Schulz reported that due to the resignation of one of the elected Grievance Review panelists a replacement election had to be conducted and because of time constraints on an ongoing hearing this was done by e-mail ballot. Dr. Chaman Sabharwal was elected.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/reports/RPA.Schulz.09.16.10.ppt>

b. Curricula Committee – Keith Nisbett

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommend that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. There were 3 Degree Changes (DC), 27 Course Changes (CC) and 19 Experimental Course (EC) forms.

The Curricula Committee made the following motion: To change the effective date on CC 8800 from Fall 2011 to Spring 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the submitted forms as posted on the web was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/Curricula.09.16.10.pdf>

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/Curricula.Slides.09.16.10.ppt>

c. ITCC – No Report

d. Personnel – No report.

IV. Old Business
a. Electronic Access Policy

This was referred to the RP&A and ITCC accepted as a friendly amendment. Lance Haynes made a motion to “Accept the ITCC motion from the June 17, 2010 meeting as amended.” It was seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

V. New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 14:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Martin, Secretary