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**Volume V, Number 8
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
April 19, 2012**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:32 by President Michael Davis and roll was taken.

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

Mohamed Abdelsalam, Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Jerry Bayless, Martin Bohner, Brenden Burke, Steve Corns, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Bob Dubois, Cassie Elrod, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Nicholas Leventis, Michael Meagher, Ashok Midha, Glenn Morrison, Mark Mullin, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Tom Schuman, Dan Stutts, Shoaib Usman, Thomas Weigert, Doug Welter, Paul Worsey, David Wright and Chengshan Xiao.

The March 8, 2012 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Michael Davis

Dr. Davis reported on the Board of Curators meeting, committee assignments for next year, and other issues.

The following motion welcoming Chancellor Schrader was approved unanimously.

Motion Welcoming Chancellor Schrader

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheryl B. Schrader officially assumed the leadership of the Missouri University of Science and Technology on April 2, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, in its role as the legislative and policy-making body of the General Faculty, the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology works closely with the Chancellor in fulfilling the educational and research missions of the University, and ensuring the general welfare of the campus, the faculty, and its student body;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate expresses its full confidence in Chancellor Schrader's abilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate expresses our total willingness to cooperate with Chancellor Schrader in the achievement of our common goals for the betterment of the Missouri University of Science and Technology;

BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate warmly welcomes Chancellor Schrader to Missouri University of Science and Technology and looks forward to developing a continuing productive and amicable relationship.

The following motion thanking Interim Chancellor Wray was approved unanimously.

Motion Thanking Interim Chancellor Wray

WHEREAS, Dr. Warren K. Wray served Missouri University of Science and Technology with great distinction as Interim Chancellor from August 2011 to April 2012;

WHEREAS, Chancellor Wray led the University with great calm during a period of change as searches for Chancellor and President were both happening;

WHEREAS, Chancellor Wray led a difficult budget year;

WHEREAS, Chancellor Wray continued efforts to expand and improve the campus through efforts such as the new Chemical and Biological Engineering building;

WHEREAS, Chancellor Wray showed a willingness to work with the Faculty Senate to improve the Missouri University of Science and Technology;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri University of Science and Technology Faculty Senate expresses its profound appreciation for his leadership and service to the Missouri University of Science and Technology;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate looks forward to continuing to work with Dr. Wray in his return to his position as Provost.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2012/MDavis.FS.04.19.12.pptx>

b. Administrative Report – Provost Wray for Chancellor Schrader

The Board of Curators held its April meeting on the S&T campus. The Board approved the name of the new Biological & Chemical Engineering building to the James E. Bertelsmeyer Hall.

President Wolf presented to the UM system his priorities for the coming year.

1. Strategic Planning
2. Attracting and Retaining the Best People
3. Innovation in Instruction
4. Operational Excellence
5. Expanded Research in Economic Development
6. Effective Communication of our University's Value and Importance

Compliments to the Faculty Senate for the program presented at the Board of Curators meeting in April.

Miner Village (old collegiate apartments) was purchased by the University. They will replace the old Quad Residence Halls.

c. Administrative Report – Provost Wray

Dr. Wray gave a report on Enrollment Management, Office of Sponsored Programs, Office of International Affairs, Global Learning, Office of Undergraduate Studies, and Office of Graduate Studies.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/provost/2012/Wray.FS.Report.04.19.12.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Stacy Jones

The nomination process has begun to elect new council members for 2012.

The council is working on staff excellence award nominations.

Staff Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Support from the faculty to allow staff to participate in the activities is appreciated.

e. Student Council Report – Selin Acar

Ms. Acar thanked the Faculty Senate for its cooperation this past year. This will be her last meeting as President of Student Council. Ryan Beck will be the incoming President for Student Council.

Ms. Acar presented updates on the April Student Council meeting, construction project of the new Student Involvement and Leadership Center, computers in the Havener Center, student leaders' banquet, blood drive, campus climate assessment, resolutions, honor code, and other announcements.

A motion thanking Ms. Acar and the Student Council for the fine job and accomplishments this past year was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/studentcouncil/2012/StudentCouncilSlides.FS.04.19.12.pptx>

f. Council of Graduate Students (CGS) – Muhammad Azeem Raza

Mr. Raza expressed his gratitude to the Faculty Senate and announced this will be his last meeting as President of Council of Graduate Students.

Elections for the new executive board were held and Mohammad Alkazimi will be the incoming President for the Council of Graduate Students.

Mr. Raza reported on the graduate research showcase, travel grants, and the GradVision.

A motion thanking Mr. Raza and the Council of Graduate Students for the fine job and accomplishments this past year was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/cgs/2012/CGS.FS.04.19.12.pptx>

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – KM Isaac

RP&A proposed a slate of officer candidates for the 2012-13 Faculty Senate Officers. The following slate was **accepted** unanimously:

President- S. N. Balakrishnan
RP&A Chair- Michael Davis
President-elect- Mark Fitch
Secretary- Martin Bohner
Parliamentarian- Melanie Mormile

A motion was made to suspend the rules and move the Curricula Committee report before the next agenda item of Domestic Partner Benefits.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Curricula Committee – Daniel Tauritz

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommends the name change of Chemical & Biological Engineering department's name to "Chemical & Biochemical Engineering" (NC15).

A motion to approve the NC form was passed unanimously.

The Missouri S&T Campus Curriculum recommends that the changes and degree proposals be approved. This includes 2 Degree Change (DC), 15 Course Changes (CC) and 4 Experimental Course (EC) forms.

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

The Missouri S&T Campus Curriculum recommended removing the CC forms CC8202, CC8203, and CC8204 from the table and approving as submitted at the January 19, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting.

A motion to approve the CC forms CC8202, CC8203, and CC8204 was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/curricula/2012/Curricula.04.11.12.pdf>

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/curricula/2012/Curricula.Slides.FS.04.19.12.pptx>

c. RP&A – KM Isaac (cont'd)

Dr. Isaac introduced Dr. Leona Rubin who spoke to the Faculty Senate about Domestic Partner Benefits (DPB).

Other guests attending to answer questions regarding this issue included Joe Parcell, Vice Chair of the UMC Faculty Council and Tim Farmer, Past Chair of UMSL Faculty Senate.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/rpa/other/2012/History%20of%20DPB%20Requests%20for%20MST.L.Rubin.04.19.12.pptx>

RP&A made the following motion: *Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology recommends that domestic partners, both same-sex and opposite-sex, of University of Missouri employees be allowed access in a fiscally responsible manner to all of the same rights, privileges, and benefits to which opposite-sex spouses currently are entitled.*

A motion was made to **amend** the motion to remove the phrase “both same-sex and opposite-sex” and remove the phrase “in a fiscally responsible manner” and insert the word “same sex” before domestic partners.

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology recommends that same-sex domestic partners, ~~both same-sex and opposite-sex~~, of University of Missouri employees be allowed access ~~in a fiscally responsible manner~~ to all of the same rights, privileges, and benefits to which opposite-sex spouses currently are entitled.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to call the question on the amendment, which **passed** unanimously.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment, and called by the chair in favor of the amendment. A roll call vote was requested.

A representative questioned as to whether a quorum was present.

A roll call found 20 members present. This did not meet the quorum requirement of 2/3 of the voting members.

A motion to adjourn **passed** at 15:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Nisbett, Secretary