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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
February 18, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Michael Schulz and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Levent Acar, Baojun Bai, S.N. Balakrishnan, Gretchen Brockfeld, Brenden Burke, W.J. Charatonik, Michael Davis, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Richard Hall, Lance Haynes, K.M. Isaac, Tseggai Isaac, Morris Kalliny, Kurt Kosbar, Ray Luechtefeld, Ronaldo Luna, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Julia Medvedeva, Scott Miller, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Pericles Stavropoulos, Richard Stephenson, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao

The following substitutions were noted: Bob Montgomery for Jim Martin.

The January 21, 2010 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Michael Schulz

The Board of Curators will be on the S&T campus April 15-16, 2010. Faculty Senate will host a luncheon at noon on Thursday instead of a Friday morning breakfast as has been the custom. Jerri Arnold-Cook will give a presentation on “Student Leadership Development”.

President Schulz reported on Budget, Benefits Survey, Bylaws, Minor Degree for Students in Corporate Engineering Program at MSU, and the possibility of an Employee +1 benefit.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/presidentreports/PresidentReport.02.18.10.ppt>

b. Administrative Report – Chancellor John F. Carney III

The legislature is considering the Access Missouri question again this year. Approximately \$900 million in financial aid is provided to Missouri high school graduates if they attend Missouri institutions of higher learning. The current legislation gives more than twice as much financial aid to a high school graduate if they choose to go to a private university rather than a public university. The

Coordinating Board, who deals with tuition issues, took action last week and voted 5 to 1 with 2 absences to oppose the legislation that would equalize the awards.

President Forsee will be on campus Friday, February 19 and Saturday he will accept the “Man of the Year” award from his fraternity.

There will be a special General Faculty meeting March 1, 2010 to vote on an honorary degree candidate.

A donation from Fred and June Kummer will provide the needed additional funding (\$1.25M) to complete the Student Design Center project. This will include some commercial space by Bishop Avenue and take care of the maintenance of the facility once it is built.

c. Administrative Report – Provost Wray

Provost Wray gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, Global Studies, 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.02.18.10.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – no report

A slide was sent to Faculty Senate and can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/staffcouncil/Staff.Council.02.18.10.pptx>

e. Student Council Report – Paul Voss

Campaigning for a new student body president is underway. Elections will take place the first week of March.

The Student Council President is researching a “Dead Week Policy”.

The student interest survey will be going out during the next couple of weeks. Faculty committees wanting to add questions can contact Paul Voss.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/studentcouncil/Student.Council.FS.Report.02.18.10.ppt>

f. Council of Graduate Students – Suhas Narella for Ravi Akella

There will be a Graduate Research Showcase week held during April 12-16, 2010. The Council is working with the Graduate Student Council at Mizzou in co-organizing this event. The department chairs will receive posters and flyers which will include participation announcements.

The Council is working with the Office of Graduate Studies to organize chat sessions for prospective graduate students.

The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) newsletter for FY 2009-10 will be released in March 2010.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/cgs/CGS.02.18.10.ppt>

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees (change in Agenda due to Dr. Balakrishnan needing to leave for another meeting)

a. Administrative Review Committee – SN Balakrishnan

SN Balakrishnan gave a status report on how the reviews for administrators are handled. This year Vice Provost Allada, Vice Provost Krishnamurthy, Vice Chancellor Robinson, Vice Provost Schwartz, and Dean Goff were selected for review.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/administrativereview/AdminReview.02.18.10.ppt>

b. RP&A – Greg Gelles

Greg Gelles reported the need to replace the open representative slot on the Conflict of Interest Committee. RP&A recommended Professor Wayne Huebner for the vacant position. He asked for other nominations but none were given.

A motion to approve Professor Wayne Huebner as a representative on the Conflict of Interest Committee was passed unanimously.

RP&A made the following referrals:

Referral to Budgetary Affairs

Referral to Academic Freedom and Standards

Referral to Student Affairs

Referral to Personnel Committee

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/reports/RPA.Gelles.02.18.10.ppt>

c. Curricula – Keith Nisbett

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommended that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. There was 1 Degree Change (DC), 7 Course Changes (CC) and 3 Experimental Course (EC) forms.

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

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/Curricula.02.02.10.pdf>

d. Public Occasions – David Westenberg

The Public Occasions Committee recommended approval of the 2011-2012 Academic Calendar. The Spring Semester ended earlier than previous years in order to be in line with the other campuses. The Spring Commencement will have both Graduate and Undergraduate ceremonies.

A motion to approve the 2011-2012 Academic Calendar was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/publicoccasions/POCommittee.02.18.10.ppt>

e. Ad-Hoc Committee for Teaching Evaluation – Kurt Kosbar

Kurt Kosbar gave a report on Phase I of the pilot program to test the feasibility of electronic teaching evaluations. Phase II will be implemented this semester. The committee is looking for volunteers to participate in Phase II. For more information contact Stephanie Fitch.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/adhocteachevaluation/AdHoc.Teach.Eval.02.18.10.ppt>

f. Academic Freedom and Standards – Lance Haynes

No report

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 14:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Book, Secretary