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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
January 22, 2009

I. Call to Order, Roll, and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Doug Carroll and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted:

Gretchen A Brockfeld, Mark Mullin , Thomas Weigert , Mohamed Abdelsalam , Mike Meagher, Bill Fahrenholtz, Bill DeMalade , Gary Mueller

The November 20, 2008 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Doug Carroll

Doug Carroll asked for a motion for R. DuBroff to give his report on retirement and staff benefits. The motion was made, seconded and passed. Details can be found under section III, reports of standing and special committees.

Doug Carroll reported on budget, new grievance process, faculty raises and academic dishonesty.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/PresidentReport.01.22.09.pdf>

b. Administrative Report – Chancellor John F. Carney III

Governor Jay Nixon held press conferences across the state on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Chancellor Carney felt that the report was positive for public higher education. All public higher education Presidents have united behind the Governor's plan to recommend next fiscal year's budget. The University's budget will not be cut and in connection with that there will be no increase in tuition or fees. The governor was silent on Wednesday regarding the outlook for this fiscal year. Chancellor Carney is expecting a withholding for this fiscal year of around 5%, which would be around 2.4 million dollars.

The energy summit will be held on April 22nd and 23rd, 2009 in Columbia, MO. There will be 24 papers presented and of the 24 papers, 17 will be from Missouri S&T. Freshman applications are up about 15%. The capital campaign is over the \$170 million mark which makes us ahead of schedule. There will be around 30 freshman legislators coming to campus on January 28, 2009. There will be an open forum on the HLC Accreditation from 12:00 – 1:00 pm on January 30, 2009.

c. Administrative Report – Provost Wray

Provost Wray gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, Global Learning, Office of Graduate Studies, Information Technology and Office of Sponsored Programs. He also spoke on the NCA/HLC Accreditation.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/DrWray.FS.Report.01.22.09Revised.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Cecilia Elmore

Staff Council will meet on January 22, 2009, to decide how to address Staff Day, due to the proposed budget cuts and President Forsee's memo. Cecilia attended the Intercampus Staff Advisory Committee on January 21, 2009. Staff Council met on January 14, 2009 and Jerry Parmelee, director of "Healthy for Life" program gave a presentation. Staff Council will be giving a presentation at the upcoming accreditation site visit.

e. Student Council – Dianna Meyers for A. Ronchetto

Dianna Meyers gave a report on requirements for the Student Representative to the Board of Curators and Student Body President. She spoke about the Student Leadership Conference and Missouri S&T Accreditation.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Student.Council.FS.Report.01.22.09.pdf>

f. Council of Grad. Students (CGS) – No one was available to give the report

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/CGS.01.22.09.pdf>

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A motion to allow the Curricula Committee to give their report ahead of the Tenure Committee was passed.

a. Tenure Committee – G. Cohen

A report (see web link below) containing proposed revisions to the promotion and tenure process was submitted by the Promotion and Tenure Committee. A motion was made to accept the report from the committee.

Changes in the report to department names and replacing every occurrence of "appeal" with "rebuttal" and "decision" with "recommendation" were proposed as a friendly amendment. Discussion of the changes including whether they were editorial in nature ensued.

A motion was made and seconded to table the motion to accept the report. The motion to table passed.

The report can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/TC.Revised.01.13.09.pdf>

b. Curricula Committee – K. Nisbett

There were 4 DC, 53 CC and 10 EC forms. **A motion to approve the submitted report posted on the web was passed unanimously.**

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/CurriculaRevised.12.02.08_01.06.09.pdf

c. Benefits Committee – R. DuBroff

R. DuBroff gave a report on membership, the January 15, 2009 meeting and gave an update on current software projects.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Benefits.01.22.09.pdf>

d. RP&A – F. Blum

A motion was made to accept Al Crosbie as the replacement for Doug Carroll on the Strategic Planning Committee was passed.

DC 0307, Global Studies, was approved effective Fall 2009. This was a proposal to create a minor in Global Studies which will be housed in Special Programs.

RP&A voted to return the Global Studies DC form back to the Curriculum Committee informing them that the DC form does not conform to the document that was approved by the Faculty Senate in April 2008 and also delete the item from the January 2009 FS Agenda.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/RPA.FS.Report.01.22.09.pdf>

IV. Old Business

a. Referrals Recently Closed

- Supplementary/Soft Money Raises (Budgetary Affairs)

b. Referrals Ongoing

- FS0708ref-5 Graduate Student, Stipend/Fees (Grad. Council)
- FS0708ref-8 Spousal Actions (Personnel)
- Grievance Procedures (Personnel)

c. Ongoing Monitoring

- Emergency Preparedness (Facilities)
- VPAA SB 389 Committee (Ad-Hoc SB389)

d. Other Committee Items

- Budgetary Planning, Start-up Packages (Budgetary Affairs)
- Best Practices for forming dept. tenure committees (Tenure)
- Monitoring progress of new P&T procedures (Tenure)
- Academic Dishonesty (Academic Freedom & Standards)

The meeting was adjourned at 15:05.

Respectfully submitted,
K.M. Isaac, Secretary