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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
March 21, 2013

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:31 by President S.N. Balakrishnan and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

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

II. Approval of February 21, 2013 meeting minutes

The February 21, 2013 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report – S.N. Balakrishnan

Dr. Balakrishnan reported on the March 20th IFC meeting. Items discussed were: President Wolfe is visiting many rural areas on a 'Show Value' campaign explaining the importance of higher education. He addressed students in the 8th and 9th grades since this is the level that begins thinking about higher education. President Wolfe also met with civic leaders and business leaders. This has received positive response in newspapers.

There will be an open forum on Monday, April 15th, regarding the replacement of the Faculty Accomplishment System. There will be two sessions, 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM and 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM. It will be held at St. Pat's A in the Havener Center. If you have any questions or comments, this will be the time to address them.

The final item Dr. Balakrishnan discussed was the use of patent and commercialization as factors in promotion and tenure procedures. Texas A&M University and University of Maryland are currently using these as a part of evaluation for promotion and tenure. This issue has come up at IFC and Dr. Balakrishnan was presenting it as a topic to think about. If you have any comments about this, please email IFC. Eventually the Faculty Senate and RP&A will ask the Intellectual Property Committee to look at this.

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2013/FS_Slides_March_2013.pptx

Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor Schrader

Chancellor Schrader was the final presenter at the March 21st Faculty Senate meeting.

Missouri S&T is hosting the University Of Missouri Board Of Curators April 10th – 12th. The afternoon of the 10th and morning of the 11th, we will be doing a new Curators orientation. Five of the Curators will be attending the orientation. Faculty Senate is designing a program for breakfast on the 12th.

In order to move toward a more engaged and open & transparent budget planning process, which will fully implement when we get a new Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, we are going to be holding two campus open forums. These will be Friday, April 5th, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, in St. Pat's C, and Tuesday, April 16th, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, in 125 Butler-Carlton. This will be announced in eConnection.

We are currently looking at a \$2.2m shortfall for FY2014. We have trimmed out quite a bit that might have added to that shortfall. A 2% salary pool and a 1% strategic investment pool have been budgeted in. In a way to provide a matching to compete for some of the System level funding. In the meantime, the campus will begin planning at the unit level for 2%, 3½%, and 5% reduction scenarios. That gives us some flexibility in being strategic in identifying reductions.

There is an update on the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration search. Please go to the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services website to see what progress is being made. We will be bringing in candidates and would like for you to be very involved. We've tried to build in a number of times where Academic Affairs people and faculty can be interacting with the candidates. One of the meal times has been budgeted in to meet with the Faculty Senate officers and the Budgetary Affairs Committee. Please participate and provide feedback.

The final topic mentioned was the Burns & McDonnell Student Success Center. Dedication is scheduled for April 2nd in 198 Toomey Hall at 2:00 PM. There will be representatives from Burns & McDonnell in attendance.

ii. K. Krishnamurthy for Provost Wray

Dr. Krishnamurthy reported on the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Enrollment Management, and Office of International Affairs. His final topics for discussion were Office of Sponsored Programs and Global Learning.

Some discussion ensued.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/provost/2013/March_2013_Faculty_Senate_Positive_Happenings.pptx

B. Staff Council Report – Bridgette Betz – No report

C. Student Council – Ryan Beck

Ryan introduced Ashley Koesterer, the new Student Body President – Elect. She will be taking over in May.

The Student Council just had their officer elections. Rebecca Jacobsen was elected Vice President – External; Jack Weaver, Vice President – Internal; Sam Nichols, Treasurer; and Nikki Gomez, Recorder. Please congratulate these students if you know them.

Spring break is next week, March 25 – 29.

The Constitution has been updated for Student Council.

Student Council is still working hard on many projects: The Safe Rides Program, redoing the intramural fields, and Preparation Week, as well as many other projects.

Block party will be on April 5th. There will be a lot of organization in front of Havener and around campus.

Student leadership nominations are open. You can go to Student Council website or send Ryan an email to nominate students that are good leaders on campus and make a positive influence at Missouri S&T.

D. Council of Graduate Students – Mohammad Alkazimi – No report

At this point in the meeting, Nikki Krawitz is still attending a General Officer's Meeting Teleconference with Chancellor Schrader. A motion is made to amend the agenda and take Reports of Standing and Special Committees now. Second. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Vice President for Finance and Administration Address

Dr. Balakrishnan shared an introduction of Natalie "Nikki" Krawitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration for UM System.

Ms. Krawitz opened with comments regarding the organizational structure and who she works with. She reports directly to the President, who reports directly to the Board. Ms. Krawitz has a few direct reports: the Controllers' Office, Management Services, Budget Planning & Development, the Treasurer's Office, Financial Services, and Procurement.

Ms. Krawitz gave an update on the state budget: FY2013 \$24b total operating budget and FY2013 \$8.014m total general revenue. She noted that in the last four years Governor Nixon has held higher education and elementary & secondary education equally. He made them share in any reductions or lack of increases. This was a difference from prior administration.

Higher education is a shrinking state priority. There has been a shift in funding for the University over the last 20 years. State support is 10.4% below 2001; over the same time period the CPI has increased 26.7%. There has been 34% enrollment growth since FY2001. State appropriations per FTE student have declined 35% since 2001. UM's resident UG tuition and fees is below the average for public doctoral institutions. Average annual tuition and required fee change over five years is the lowest in the region.

Ms. Krawitz mentioned the University of Missouri consolidated financial statements as a whole. She said it can be broken down for the Missouri S&T campus and that information is available online.

She went on to report on the University of Missouri System credit ratings, the retirement fund / endowment pool annualized historical performance as of September 2012. Ms. Krawitz invited all those interested to attend her presentation to the Department Chairs on April 12th to learn more about endowment spending policy & distribution. She then shared information on university stewardship and its importance.

Ms. Krawitz talked about the FY2013 university budget: budget by fund type, budget sources, budget uses, and budget uses: programmatic.

She provided information regarding the FY2014 university budget outlook: preliminary budget issues, other issues on the horizon, \$51.2m projected marginal costs for FY2014 budget, \$21.1m projected marginal revenues for FY2014 budget, preliminary funding gap of \$30.1m, and appropriations requests.

A question and answer period followed. Dr. Balakrishnan presented [Ms. Krawitz](#) with a gift of appreciation on behalf of Faculty Senate.

Detailed slides may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/misc/March_2013_Faculty_Senate_Rolla_Nikki_Krawitz.pptx

V. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – Michael Davis

Dr. Davis reported on the following items:

- Referred to Personnel:
 - NTT voting on Department Chair Committees.
- RP&A voted to form an Ad-Hoc committee to examine changes to the Add/Drop forms used by the Registrar's Office.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/rpa/reports/2013/RPA_slides_for_march_21_2013.pptx

B. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

The Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of this report's DC and CC forms. This includes 8 Degree Change (DC) forms: DC 0452, DC 0453, DC 0457, DC 0458, DC 0459, DC 0461, DC 0462, DC 0464, 5 Course Change (CC) forms, 1 Experimental Course (EC) form (informational only).

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

Details may be found at the following links:

[Curricula.Report.FS.03.21.13](#)

[Curricula.Slides.FS.03.21.13](#)

C. ITCC – Donald Wunsch

Dr. Wunsch reported on the March 15th Open Forum. This is an annual event which takes place right after the conference and is open to anyone wanting to attend.

The first topic of discussion from that meeting was transitions. Frank Liu has stepped down as representative since he is currently serving as the Interim Computer Science department Chair. Thomas Vojta was elected to the Vice-

Chair position and Jeff Schramm was elected to the eLearning subcommittee. At the end of this fiscal year, Don Wunsch will be stepping down as Chair and member of the ITCC Committee. For the time remaining until the next election, the Vice-Chair will take over any Chair functions as they come up.

Dr. Wunsch then reported on the Faculty Accomplishment System (FAS) report from UM, and the library rep presentation regarding: Scholar's Mine changes moved over to Mospace. He continued by reporting on budget review & institutional comparison, unified communications – new VOIP – Impulse Point SafeConnect, working on mandatory computer security training and six-month password policy, and the IT response to classroom incidents.

Dr. Wunsch then reported on the motion which had been made at their meeting: The ITCC recommends that IT investigate version control system management as a core service using (for instance) GIT.

Discussion ensued regarding FAS.

Details may be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/itcc/2013/ITCC2013MarchReport.pptx>

At this time, Dr. Balakrishnan took the opportunity to place on record the appreciation of the services that Dr. Wunsch has rendered.

Dr. Michael Davis moved to recognize Dr. Donald Wunsch for his contributions as Chair of ITCC.

The resolution passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

No report.

VII. New Business and Announcements

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 15:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Bohner, Secretary