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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 15, 2009**

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, Michael Davis, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Richard Hall, Lance Haynes, K.M. Isaac, Morris Kalliny, Kurt Kosbar, Ray Luechtefeld, Ronaldo Luna, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Michael Meagher, Julia Medvedeva, Scott Miller, Ilene Morgan, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Pericles Stavropoulos, Richard Stephenson, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao

The September 24, 2009 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Michael Schulz

Michael Schulz reported on the Faculty Senate Bylaw changes, Budget, Compensation and Information Technology.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/PresidentReport.10.15.09.pptx>

b. Administrative Report – Provost Wray for Chancellor John F. Carney III

Higher Education will be protected by Governor Nixon and we are not expecting a withholding this year however state revenues were down 11% at the end of September compared to the projected number.

The Show-Me solar house team is in Washington, DC and the judging competition is in progress. Twenty houses were invited to this international competition with Missouri S&T being selected to its 4th competition, one of only two such schools.

Tours of the campus will be given on Friday to visitors from Fort Leonard Wood including Major General Martin. The purpose of the visit is to find out what we can do to help one another such as research needs and opportunities.

Computer Science has their ABET visit on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Homecoming is October 23 and 24, 2009. The Fitness Center will be dedicated on Saturday morning, October 24, 2009. The Gary Thomas memorial garden dedication will be Friday afternoon, October 23rd at 4:00 PM.

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/DrWray.FS.Report.10.15.09.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – No Report

e. Student Council Report – Paul Voss

The “free speech zone” student ad-hoc committee has been formed and will meet next week.

A blood drive will be held on campus November 10-13, 2009.

A survey “What Students Expect from Their Advisors” will be implemented before the end of the semester. The results will be shared with Faculty Senate.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Student.Council.FS.Report.10.15.09.ppt>

f. Council of Graduate Students – No Report

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – Greg Gelles

Greg Gelles gave a report regarding the on-going process of changes in the Acceptable Use Policy.

RP&A made the following motion: The Curators have recently adopted changes to the Collected Rules and Regulations Acceptable Use Policy. The Missouri S&T Faculty Senate has in the past empowered the Information Technology and Computing Committee (ITCC) to address these revisions to Acceptable Use Policy and monitor the Designated Approving Authority (the internal security policies) at Missouri S&T. Given the recently adopted changes to the Collected Rules, the RP&A committee moves that the Faculty Senate empower the ITCC to continue monitoring our existing security

procedures as to: Do the procedures work; are the procedures being followed; and report to the Faculty Senate any problems or suggestions for improvement. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Curricula Committee – Keith Nisbett

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommend that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. No major disagreements were found. There were 3 Degree Change (DC), 26 Course Change (CC) and 15 Experimental Course (EC) forms.

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

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Curricula.10.15.09.pdf>

c. Personnel – No Report

IV. Old Business

Grievance Resolution Panel – M. Schulz

Missouri S&T has joined a pilot program with UMKC and UMC that is testing a streamlined process to handle grievances. A request was made at the previous Faculty Senate meeting for applicants willing to serve as the two faculty representatives on the Grievance Resolution Panel and three to five members to serve on the Oversight Committee.

A motion to accept the following representatives to serve on the Grievance Resolution Panel was **passed** unanimously.

Cihan Dagli will serve a one-year term

Ann Miller will serve a two-year term

The faculty representatives will join the administrative representative, Vice Provost Collier, who is serving a three-year term on the panel.

A motion to accept the following representatives to serve on the Oversight Committee was **passed** unanimously.

Bonnie Bachman will serve a one-year term

Ron Bieniek will serve a two year term

Lance Haynes will serve a three year term

V. New Business and Announcements

RP&A Announcement – Greg Gelles

RP&A has reappointed Lance Haynes to the STUCO executive committee.

RP&A is still working to re-populate the Tenure Committee. Greg encouraged everyone to go back to their departments and send the Tenure representative and alternate member's names to Mitsy Daniels.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluations – Kurt Kosbar for Stephanie Fitch

A small pilot program will be initiated to collect information on the viability of an electronic system of evaluations. The program will look into the efficiency, response rates, confidentiality, and effectiveness of electronic evaluations.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/AdHoc.Teach.Eval.10.15.09.pptx>

The meeting was adjourned at 14:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Book, Secretary