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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 20, 2011

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Elect S.N. Balakrishnan 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 September 15, 2011 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – S.N. Balakrishnan for Michael Davis

Dr. Balakrishnan reported on the chancellor and presidential search, IFC, and the Sichuan Missouri University.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://faculty senate.mst.edu/documents/presidentreports/2011/MDavis.FS.10.20.11.pptx>

b. Administrative Report – Harvest Collier for Interim Chancellor Wray

Interim Chancellor Wray is at the Board of Curators meeting in Kansas City today and tomorrow.

Dr. Wray has been spending his first six months as Interim Chancellor visiting the various non-academic units on campus to familiarize himself with their operations.

Celebration of Nations parade was held on September 24, 2011. International students visited 55 middle and high school classrooms. The parade represented 85 countries with 45 vendors that included both student and community organizations.

Homecoming was a great success!

c. Administrative Report – No Substitute Presenter for Interim Provost Schwartz, Slides were reviewed by Faculty Senate

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/provost/2011/Schwartz.FS.Report.10.10.11.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Stacy Jones

Staff Council is focusing on community service projects for the holidays. A toy drive for GRACE and coat drive for the Salvation Army is scheduled.

A fall staff appreciation day will be held in October.

To support Breast Cancer awareness the staff council will be selling raffle tickets.

e. Student Council Report – Selin Acar

Ms. Acar gave an update on the remodeling project for the new Student Involvement and Leadership Center located in the Havener Center.

Student Council is partnering with IT to place computers in the Havener Center.

The council is continuing to find ways to receive input from the students. Surveys such as the RSO, special speakers, and open forums will be made available each semester.

The new Honor Code is now publicized.

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/studentcouncil/2011/Student_Council_Slides.FS.10.20.11.pptx

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

The council had their first general meeting with good attendance.

The graduate proposed budget for 2011-2013 includes additional funding for a travel grant and support for the graduate research showcase.

The second general meeting will be held on October 25, 2011 with special speaker Dr. Lance Haynes.

The Graduate fair will be held on October 27, 2011.

The third general meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2011. Dr. Allada and Ms. Stoll will be attending to answer questions regarding graduate student financial concerns.

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – KM Isaac

KM Isaac presented RP&A's response to support the Institutional Transformation proposal as requested by Dr. Mariesa Crow.

Details can be found at the following links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/reports/2011/RPA.FS.Slides.10.20.11.pptx>

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/reports/2011/InstTransPsl_ProjSum.pdf

RP&A made a motion to approve the following statement:

“The Faculty Senate recognizes the value of increasing the participation and advancement of women faculty in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and to appropriately institutionalize changes to university policies and practices, and therefore endorses the goals described on the summary page of the 2011 NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant proposal entitled “Developing Pathways to Leadership of Senior Women Faculty on a STEM-centric Campus.”

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Curricula Committee – Daniel Tauritz

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommends that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. This includes 1 Degree Change (DC), 10 Course Changes (CC) and 10 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 links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/2011/Curricula.10.20.11.pdf>

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/2011/Curricula.Slides.FS.10.20.11.pptx>

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 14:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Nisbett, Secretary