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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
November 14, 2013**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Mark Fitch and roll was taken.

Those whose names are **grayed** out below were absent.

S.N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, Michael Davis, **Joel Dittmer**, **Cassie Elrod**, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, **Ron Frank**, Matt Goldberg, (Steven Raper for) Abhijit Gosavi, Steve Grant, Katie Grantham, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, Ali Hurson, Tseggai Isaac, Ulrich Jentschura, **Kurt Kosbar**, **Bih-Ru Lea**, Ronaldo Luna, **Gearoid MacSithigh**, Mark Mullin, **Daniel Oerther**, Anthony Okafor, Robert Paige, **Ted Read**, Tom Schuman, (Brad Chronister for) Benjamin Seabough, **Pericles Stavropoulos**, Daniel Tauritz, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao, Wan Yang

II. Approval of October 24, 2013 meeting minutes

The October 24, 2013 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report – Mark Fitch

Dr. Fitch reported on Intercampus Faculty Council: IFC-driven discussion of workload policy and post tenure review and a report on faculty account access. HR is providing a website to assist with searches. They are also working on academic titles. HR is no longer considering grad students for ACA. The proposed 5-yr. grade book retention by Department Chairs has been rejected.

Dr. Fitch also reported on the IT data security proposal.

He continued his report with: Requested AF&S and CCC to ponder the experiential learning definition from VPUS, physical facilities responding quickly to complaint/request about McNutt access, and the FS President recommended a short list of names for the Provost search committee. J. Werner will be archiving the resolutions.

Dr. Fitch concluded his report with a reminder that the CRR revision to allow diplomas to carry “in collaboration with” other schools will likely be on the BOC agenda for next week. Details of the process were shared.

Details may be found at the following links:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2014/FS_Slides_Nov_2013_Pres_CorrectedFINAL.pptx

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2014/DCL_explanations_for_vetting_purposes_20130912.pdf

B. Administrative Reports

i. Provost Wray for Chancellor Schrader

The APLU (Association of Public and Land-grant Universities) annual conference was last week. Chancellor Schrader participated in a panel discussion on student affairs and on strategic planning. Our strategic plan is being held up as a national model.

Wednesday, November 20th, several of our local legislatures will be on campus for a tour and information session. The point of this is to give our legislatures an overview of the campus and let them know what some of our needs are in advance of the next legislative session.

At the end of the month Chancellor Schrader will visit our campus affiliate Mazoon University College in the Middle East. Our first agreement with Mazoon was signed in 1999. At that time, it was intended to be a five year relationship, but it has been renewed several times. The current relationship runs through 2015. Mazoon which was an all-women's institution, has been expanded and includes a college for men.

The search firm that has been hired to help with the search for the new Provost and the two new Vice Provosts/Deans will be on campus in early December. There will be some open sessions where people can come and share their thoughts and opinions with the search firm.

ii. Provost Wray

Provost Wray reported on the Office of International Affairs, Office of Undergraduate Studies, Global Learning, Enrollment Management, and Office of Sponsored Programs.

He then reported on the Strategic Plan, Theme 1, Lever 1.1. Require all undergraduate students to participate in a significant experiential learning activity before graduation. The word *significant* is the critical term. Jeff Cawfield is Lever Leader.

Provost Wray talked about Action 1.1.1 and 1.1.2. Target completion is December 2013 for 1.1.1 and June 2015 for 1.1.2.

He followed up with what has been completed to date and the future work remaining, key elements of experiential learning and general definition. The report was completed with the implementation guidelines for Missouri S&T.

The Provost turned it over to Dr. Cawlfeld for a response to questions. There was a motion and a second to recognize the Vice Provost.

Lance Haynes presented the question: how will the quality of the written summary reflection piece be assessed?

Dr. Cawlfeld said the details have to be worked out, but the intent was to try to leave as much authority in the hands of the degree program of the faculty as possible. That will evolve over time. There will be a person in the UGS office who will be an experiential learning project specialist. They expect to be tracking this by degree program. In your program you will judge if it is appropriate or not, if it is meeting your expectations or not. Those mechanisms will have to be worked out.

Dr. Wray stated that the acceptable experiential learning activity may be different by department. Each chair and their faculty will decide what that is. He reiterated that the key word is significant.

Details may be found at the following links:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/document/s/provost/2014/November_2013_Positive_Happenings.pptx

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/document/s/provost/2014/November_Strategic_Planning_Faculty_Senate_2013.pptx

C. Staff Council Report – Nathan Weaver

Staff Council has been restructured to consolidate committees, refocus on building communication lines, and professional development. They are working hard to build their goals.

Staff Council is trying to align their professional development goals with other initiatives that are happening on campus related to professional development. Nathan is on a professional development committee which Shenethia Manuel has rebooted from a few years back.

They are trying to broaden the communication line between the higher ups and staff. There are a number of concerns which continue to arise among staff and they are working to get answers to bring back to them.

One of the big goals Staff Council has this year is to present an in-house professional development event. They plan to have communications out in eConnection in the coming months regarding this event.

D. Student Council – Ashley Koesterer

Last month's report was on the Turf Field resolution which was passed in Student Council. It has been planned to start this project on March 1st.

There are some issues with the Student Activity Funding Board this year. They are planning to create a new process which will work better for the students and for everyone in general. It is currently 22 pages long and they plan to reduce this in order to make it simple and easy.

All of the Student Council officers will be in New Orleans for an annual retreat Wednesday, November 20th through Sunday, November 24th.

The executive retreat will also be coming up soon.

Ninety-five percent of their goal was reached at the blood drive during the first week of November.

Christmas in the Park will be held at Lion's Club Park December 12th – 22nd.

Ashley is on the search committee for the new photographer. They have been reviewing the resumes and portfolios.

Student Council has reached over 150 members. They have reached out to all the presidents and organizations trying to have a representative for each of them on Student Council.

E. Council of Graduate Students – Krista Limmer

Wednesday, November 20th, will be the next Beyond Grad School seminar. It will be regarding health insurance. Tammy Quick, from International Affairs, will be there to speak on the subject. Available options for health insurance will be discussed as well as impact from the Affordable Care Act.

November 7th – 9th was the NAGPS 27th Annual National Conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Almost 200 graduate students attended representing 60 – 70 universities in the country, at least 40 of which were voting schools. Mohammad Alkazimi was elected to serve on the Board of Directors as the International Student Concerns Committee Chair. Mizzou and S&T won the joint bid to host the 28th National Conference.

The travel grant deadline is November 15th.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/cgs/2013/Nov_2013_Faculty_Senate.pptx

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – S. N. Balakrishnan

Dr. Balakrishnan reported on the following two referrals:

- On-Campus versus Off-Campus Degree Requirements
 - The questions are 1) Can hours be different on degrees that are supposed to be the same, and 2) If hours are the same, can the degrees have different course requirements?

This was brought to RP&A by the Curriculum Committee and has been referred to the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee.

- BS Requirements in the Undergraduate Catalog
 - Consideration for a revision of the description of the BS standards, as in comparison to the BA standards, in the Undergraduate Course Catalog.

This was referred to the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee.

RP&A made the following motion:

Motions from standing committees require no second.

The motion passed unanimously.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/rpa/reports/2014/RPA_Slides_November_2013.pptx

Public Occasions – Joel Burken

The Public Occasions Committee made the following motion:

Public Occasions Committee has reviewed a request to move the 2014 Homecoming dates to October 17-18 as a result of a change in the football schedule.

We voted unanimously to forward this change to the Faculty Senate.

The motion passed unanimously.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/publicoccasions/2014/Pub_Occas_Cal_2014_2015_Nov_2013.ppt

B. Library and Learning Resources – Tom Schuman

Dr. Schuman gave a listing of the current committee members and noted that he has replaced Gearoid MacSithigh as chair of the committee. The new Library Director, Tracy Primich, was then introduced.

Dr. Schuman reported on the September 26th LLRC meeting which included library cuts, materials budget cut report, library resource strategy, and library services.

Some discussion ensued.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/library/LLRC_nov13.pptx

C. Budgetary Affairs – Barbara Hale

Dr. Hale reported on GRA (General Revenue Allocation) budget changes: FY 13 to FY 14 (revised) budget and FY 14 general revenue allocation budget salary & wage allocations. She concluded with a report on FY 14 general revenue allocation reduction summary.

Dr. Hale provided a summarization of her findings.

Questions and answers followed.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/bac/2013/BAC_Faculty_Senate_Report_November_14_2013_fin.pptx

D. Diploma with names of Missouri S&T and collaborative University – Frank Liou

Dr. David Enke made the proposal to include the phrase “in cooperation with King Saud University” on the diploma earned by students who meet the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Engineering Management degree.

Dr. Liou reported on the procedure for a change to issuing diplomas and listed the committee reviewing this proposal. He presented some background information regarding S&T and King Saud University (KSU).

He discussed the need for accreditation of the existing program and gave an overview of KSU.

Dr. Liou gave a summary of his report.

With the condition that validation paperwork be provided as detailed in the CRR and that academic quality should be ensured by checking over the exams given by the adjunct faculty at KSU, the Screening Committee for Partnering Institutions for Collaborative Programs made a motion to:

Endorse the placement of “in cooperation with King Saud University” onto the diploma earned by students who meet the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Engineering Management degree.

Lengthy discussion followed. A call of the question was brought forth and seconded. With no opposition to a call of the question, the motion went directly to a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/collaborativeuniversitydiplomaproposal/Diploma_with_Names_of_MissouriS&T_and_CollaborativeUniversity_Proposal_FINAL.pptx

E. Student Affairs – Steve Grant for Allan Pringle

The issue being discussed is in regards to common exams on large classes, generally sophomore and freshman classes (e.g. calculus which has many sections, but just one common exam). An issue is that those common exams are given at night, but very often they will conflict with other night courses.

Dr. Grant presented a list of recommendations which the Student Affairs Committee is considering. At this time this is just informational.

Some discussion ensued.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/studentaffairs/2013/student_affairs_committee_14_November_2013.pptx

ITCC – Thomas Vojta

Yearly password changes will be coming. This will be done department by department over the next few months. The Computer Security Officer, Karl Lutzen, will call the departments to set up meetings. From then on, yearly password changes will be required.

The committee heard a report from Jeff Schramm who is head of the committee looking at possible replacements for blackboard or general learning management systems. The committee came to the conclusion that it is worth looking at possible comparables. They will be looking at blackboard and competing products over the next few months and decide whether to stick with blackboards or go to something else. Contact Jeff Schramm or Angie Hammons to be a part of that process.

There are now more details regarding the desktop enhancement program. It has been clarified that the current Mac users will have an option to be able to get their computer replaced by another Mac with no additional cost.

The committee had a brief discussion about the recent denial of service attacks which the campus experienced. They were apparently revenge attacks by an online gaming community aimed at online gamers on campus. IT is unable to do anything to prevent these attacks; however, they are working on isolating these attacks once they appear. There will always be some delay time. The real solution would require a policy change in how much online gaming is allowed on campus.

A few questions followed regarding the password changes.

F. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of the report's DC forms. This includes 22 Degree Change (DC) forms (updates due to course renumbering, 7 Experimental Course (EC) forms (*informational only*).

The motion passes unanimously.

Details may be found at the following links:

[Curricula.Report.FS.11.14.13](#)

[Curricula.Slides.FS.11.14.13](#)

V. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

No report.

VI. New Business and Announcements

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Mormile, Secretary