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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
June 18, 2015

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Michael Bruening addressed the body explaining that since the President, President-Elect and Secretary are all absent, he would serve as pro-tem secretary. Dr. Bruening called the meeting to order and then asked for nominations for someone to act as Pro-tem chair in the absence of the President and President-elect. Dr. Fitch nominated Tom Shuman. Dr. Schuman was elected with no objections.

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Pro-tem chair Tom Schuman and roll was taken.

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

Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Stuart Baur, Martin Bohner, Michael Bruening, Craig Claybaugh, Steven Corns, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Abhijit Gosavi, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, Ali Hurson, Ulrich Jentschura, Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koynu, Gearoid MacSithigh, Mark Mullin, Fui-Hoon Nah, Anthony Okafor, Robert Paige, Ted Read, Chaman Sabharwal, Tom Schuman, Seabough, Benjamin, Sahra Sedighsarvestani, Pericles Stavropoulos, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, David Wright, Wan Yang, Maciej Zawodniok

II. Approval of April 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The April 23, 2015 minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report - Martin Bohner

NO REPORT

B. Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor's Report – Melanie Mormile for Cheryl Schrader

Melanie Mormile presented for Chancellor Schrader, who was visiting Boeing in Seattle.

At next week's Board of Curators' meeting, President Tim Wolfe will present some of the accomplishments of the last year. With that in mind, President Wolfe requested a list of S&T's top accomplishments that also support his goals.

Of the one hundred additional faculty to be hired by 2020, S&T has to date hired 18 with an additional 19 faculty hired to begin this fall. As outlined in the strategic plan, these faculty help increase access to renowned expertise, build program capacity, incorporate significant experiential learning into every undergraduate degree program; and expand research and technology transfer.

To foster innovation and help catalyze good ideas, Missouri S&T developed an Innovation Team. In the past fiscal year, six innovations proposals were funded, including creative use of technology in the writing center; increased mental health awareness through the rock musical *Next to Normal*; sponsored research in Autism Spectrum Disorder; and state-of-the-art interview capabilities in career services. The team also streamlined the scholarship process, making it more customer friendly for students, donors and academic departments. The new process, which launched in the fall, has offset more than \$900,000 in general operating revenue to date.

The Geothermal Project was completed, reducing BTU usage last fall by 60 percent and resulting in a reduction in deferred maintenance of \$60 million.

In the past fiscal year, Missouri S&T increased the number of online classes offered per year by 13 percent; increased the number of students enrolled in distance/online courses by 71 percent; and increased the number of blended courses by 56 percent. At the same time, S&T's overall freshman retention rate increased to 86% - a 3% increase over the previous year.

Details of the Chancellor's report may be found at the following link:
[Chancellor.Report.June2015](#)

Lance Haynes moved to suspend the order of the day to conduct only the necessary business items of the agenda. It was suggested that Dr. Mormile be allowed to present the Provost's Report and then dispense with the normal order. There were no objections.

ii. Provost's Report – Melanie Mormile for Robert Marley

Dr. Mormile also presented for Provost Marley, who was on vacation.

As was previously reported, Promotion & Tenure 2015-2016 will be conducted electronically utilizing GoogleDrive.

The Bylaws changes related to CRR 300.030 did not pass in the General Faculty vote.

The Provost, CASB and CEC each provided \$50K for a new Physics lab, adding additional course sections and faculty to teach Physics.

Dr. Mormile presented highlights from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Business; the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Graduate Studies, Enrollment Management, Sponsored Programs and the Curtis Laws Wilson Library.

Details of the Provost's Report are available at the following link:
[Provost.Report.June2015](#)

C. Staff Council –Sarah Lewis

NO REPORT

D. Student Council - Rebecca Jacobsen

NO REPORT

E. Council of Graduate Students – Tommy Goodwin

NO REPORT

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Curricula - Thomas Schuman

Dr. Schuman reported that the Campus Curricula Committee met on May 11. They reviewed 13 degree change requests, 36 course change requests and 10 experimental course requests.

Motion: The Campus Curricula Committee recommends and makes a motion for Faculty Senate to approve the CCC Report's DC form and CC forms actions.

Coming from a committee, no second is needed. *The motion was passed unanimously.*

Details are available at the following link:

[CurriculaReport.FS.06.18.15](#)

[CurriculaSlides.FS.06.18.15](#)

B. Academic Freedom and Standards – Mark Fitch for Don Madison

Dr. Fitch, representing the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee, explained that a recent grade appeal case brought to light that the existing campus procedures for handling grade appeals needed to be changed in order to align with the voluntary resolution agreement the University entered into on January 13, 2015 with the Office of Civil Rights.

Dr. Fitch discussed the Grade Appeal Process (posted as Draft 6A), pointing out the major changes proposed in the document as compared to the currently approved

procedure. Barb Prewett, Assistant Dean of Students, and Mark Zandt from General Counsel's Office were also present to answer questions.

The summary of changes are as follows:

Section 3.a – The timeline for the appeal is amended to expedite review of the issue.

Section 3.c – The provision relating to the officials to receive non-discrimination grading complaints is amended to replace the provost with the dean or dean's representative.

Section 3.d – The last part of section 3.c is relabeled to allow for cross-reference later in the procedure.

Section 5 – It is clarified that all appeals, including discrimination issues must meet the requirements of section 3d (written complaint specifies the course, instructor, semester, rationale for considering the grading as arbitrary and capricious, and the outcome sought). Make-up of the joint investigatory team to be at least two faculty members and one staff member. The staff member must receive training to investigate allegations of discrimination remains in place. Allows appointment by representatives of the dean, provost and chief equity officer.

The Academic Freedom and Standards Committee moved for the approval to change the existing Grade Appeal Process as described in Draft 6A.

The motion passed.

Details are available at the following link:

[Missouri S&T Grade Appeal Draft](#)

[OCR Voluntary Resolution Agreement Components for Grade Appeal Revision and Training](#)

C. Information Technology / Computing – Thomas Vojta

NO REPORT

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business and Announcements

None

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bruening, Pro-tem Secretary