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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
January 24, 2013

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President S.N. Balakrishnan and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Mohamed Abdelsalam, Levent Acar, 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 November 15, 2012 meeting minutes

The November 15, 2012 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

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

Dr. Balakrishnan reported that the campus has a new CIO Officer, Greg Smith, and that search has concluded.

The VPAA and VPUS candidates will have open forums. Announcements will be in the eConnection.

Dr. Balakrishnan reported on the January 23rd IFC meeting. Items discussed were: Replacement of Faculty Accomplishment System (FAS) being considered, the new position of UM System Vice President for Academic Affairs, Research and Economic Development, and the bond issue seems to have good support in Jefferson City. The final items of the President's report regarded Strategic Planning and that the System level strategy statement has been refined.

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2013/FS.Slides_January_2013_2.pptx

B. Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor Schrader

Chancellor Schrader thanked all that participated in the visit of President Wolfe on January 11th. He was able to observe numerous campus activities. He had the chance to meet with Staff Council. The AACSB Accreditation was emphasized during his visit. President Wolfe spent over two hours as a Strategic Planning group. He had the opportunity to learn more about our online and distance and also received an eLearning EdTech presentation.

There will be a Board of Curators meeting in Kansas City on January 31st and February 1st. Governor Nixon has nominated three new individuals to the Board of Curators: Ann Covington of Columbia, John Phillips of Kansas City, and Michael Ponder of Cape Girardeau.

Missouri S&T will be hosting the Board of Curators on April 11th and 12th. This will be our opportunity to orient the new Curators assuming they are confirmed at that time. Three of the current Curators have never gone through the new Curators orientation for the Rolla campus. Please send suggestions to Linda Bramel for those important messages/ideas which need to be conveyed to the Board as they are beginning to help work in our governance system.

Chancellor Schrader welcomed Steve Owens for coming to the S&T campus and spending the day learning more about our campus.

The Chancellor closed by thanking the faculty and shared best wishes for the spring semester.

ii. Provost Wray

Provost Wray reported on the upcoming Strategic Planning Brainstorming Sessions, Prioritization Session, and Innosight Training Date. June 30th is the targeted completion date so it may be applied during the next fiscal year.

Provost Wray then reported on the Office of International Affairs, Enrollment Management, and Office of Sponsored Programs.

Congratulations to Sriram Chellappan for receiving the first CAREER Award for 2013.

Congratulations to Joel Burken and Delbert Day for getting their new patents.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/document/s/provost/2013/January_2013_Faculty_Senate_Positive_Happening_Slide_s.pptx

C. Staff Council Report – Bridgette Betz – no report

D. Student Council – Ryan Beck

The Student Council Executive Board will be meeting Sunday, January 27th, to evaluate the semester, reevaluate goals, and plan new goals for this next semester.

The Presidential packet has come out and the students have until February 4th to collect 200 signatures. Any interested students for the next student body President may see Tina Reagan in the Student Life office.

February 19th is Career Fair Day.

Blood drives will be coming up this year.

E. Council of Graduate Students – Mohammad Alkazimi

On Monday, January 14th, the Council was invited to give a presentation to the newly enrolled international students. This was hosted by the Office of International Affairs.

Another presentation was given to the new graduate students. This was hosted by the Office of Graduate Studies.

The Council of Graduate Students has acquired the services of a webmaster that will be taking care of all of the announcements, events, and general meetings.

IV. General Counsel's Address

Dr. Balakrishnan shared an introduction of Stephen J. Owens, General Counsel of the University of Missouri System.

Mr. Owens is impressed with Missouri S&T, the students, the instruction of these students, and the meaningful and relevant research done on the campus. He believes, as an outsider, that S&T's niche is quality and excellence in education and research.

The Office of General Counsel has ten lawyers which provide legal services to the entire UM System. They report solely to the Board of Curators in order to ensure that they offer objective and independent legal advice that is not filtered through other offices.

Proportionately they are a very small office. It is understaffed which effects the way they operate. Four of the ten people in the office have been there for more than 25 years. Two or three have been there close to 20 years. Due to being so small, they have to be more productive and more efficient. Mr. Owens believes that the work which comes out of the office is well done, quality work. The Achilles heel of the office is the response time which is in large part a function of their size. What comes in is more volume than they can handle and they have to continuously prioritize and reprioritize.

Mr. Owens mentioned the three new Curators which have joined the Board. He stated that all three of them are lawyers. With the other three which are currently on the Board, six of the nine Curators are now lawyers. He reiterated the fact that this will be S&T's first chance to make a first and best impression on them at the Board of Curators meeting on this campus. He strongly encouraged those in attendance to support Chancellor Schrader and Provost Wray in helping with the orientation of the new Curators.

The next topic discussed was the reorganization at System level which Dr. Balakrishnan had referred to earlier. The position of Vice President for Academic Affairs has remained unfilled for six or seven years. This position is going to have more responsibilities added to it by shifting some duties from Finance and Administration and the Economic and Research group. Nikki Krawitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration has announced her retirement at the end of the fiscal year. Her position will not be filled until after the Vice President for Academic Affairs position has been filled.

Another portion of the reorganization includes expanding the duties of Steve Knorr's position from Vice President for Government Affairs to Vice President for University Affairs. The idea is to take these external components and outreach from a System level and put them under one person.

The President has sighted an initiative for a cross-campus, cross-discipline collaboration of research and has offered some grant money for that. This is a good opportunity for that type of collaboration.

Mr. Owens then referred to the lawsuit which has been filed against the University under the Sunshine Act of the National Council on Teacher Quality. There is some suspicion regarding their agenda. They have decided to issue a report on how well public universities prepare people to be teachers. They are going to do that in part by gathering the syllabi from various professors in the education departments around the country. Our position has always been that the syllabi are the property of the professors and it is up to them to decide who has access to them. Due to this, the office has resisted the urges to get copies of the syllabi and they, in turn, have sued. It remains to be seen how that will turn out.

The final item was the request to watch the Governor's State of the State address which is on Monday, January 28th. At that time it will be interesting to see where higher education ends up in the proposed budget.

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

V. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – Michael Davis

Dr. Davis reported on the following items:

- ◆ Referred to Personnel:
 - Revised NTT Promotion Policies from UM Legal.
- ◆ Information Item:
 - The RP&A committee had extensive discussions about the IT issues brought up at the last meeting.

Details may be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/faculty senate/documents/rpa/reports/2013/RPA.slides.FINAL.for.january.24.2013.pptx>

B. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

The Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of this reports DC and CC forms. This includes 12 Degree Change (DC) forms: DC 0417, DC 0419, DC 0420, DC 0429, DC 0432, DC 0433, DC 0435, DC 0436, DC 0437, DC 0438, DC 0439, DC 0441, 35 Course Change (CC) forms, and 11 Experimental Course (EC) forms (informational only).

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

Announcement: curricula form deadline posted at:

<http://registrar.mst.edu/currcom/deadlines/>

Details may be found at the following links:

[Curricula.Report.FS.01.24.13](#)

[Curricula.Slides.FS.01.24.13](#)

C. Public Occasions – Joel Burken – unavailable

Informational slides presented by Dr. Balakrishnan. Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/faculty senate/documents/publicoccasions/2013/Pub_Occas_Cal_2013-2014_Sp_2013_meeting_Jan_24.ppt

D. Academic Freedom and Standards – Fikret Ercal

The Academic Freedom and Standards Committee made a motion to accept the following Academic Forgiveness Policy:

The Missouri University of Science and Technology has an academic forgiveness policy to enable those students who did not perform adequately in their undergraduate enrollment at Missouri S&T to be given a second chance to pursue their undergraduate academic goals. Students returning to Missouri S&T to pursue an undergraduate degree after an extended absence may request permission to remove **one academic term** from future degree and GPA considerations. Academic forgiveness is a policy of Missouri University of Science and Technology and as such may not be recognized by outside institutions or agencies.

Eligibility

To be eligible for academic forgiveness consideration, students must meet these requirements:

- Students must have not been enrolled as degree-seeking at Missouri University of Science and Technology or any other University of Missouri System campus for *four* or more consecutive years.
- Students must not have graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology.
- Students must be admitted as degree-seeking and have earned a minimum of 12.0 credits hours with at least a 2.5 GPA of record for those hours at Missouri University of Science and Technology within the past 12 months.

Conditions

Academic forgiveness is based on the following conditions:

- All courses and credits taken during the chosen term will be removed from consideration for GPA and degree requirements. Students may not combine individual courses from multiple terms to compose the semester dropped.
- All courses and grades for the chosen term will remain on the student's academic record with a notation showing that those hours and grades will not count toward cumulative hours, nor GPA, nor can they be used to fulfill any degree requirements.
- Forgiveness may be applied only to an academic term completed prior to the student's extended absence.

- Students may only be granted academic forgiveness once.
- Degree requirements met during the dropped term must be repeated.
- To be eligible for a degree , students must complete a minimum of 24 credits at Missouri University of Science and Technology after readmission.
- Academic forgiveness only applies to Missouri University of Science and Technology undergraduate courses and is not applicable to transfer work or graduate work.
- Only students who are readmitted to a degree program at the undergraduate level at Missouri University of Science and Technology are eligible to apply for forgiveness.
- Academic Forgiveness must be approved by the primary academic department on a case-by-case basis.

Procedures

- Students should discuss their desire to pursue academic forgiveness with an academic advisor in the primary department to which they have been admitted.
- Students should submit an Application for Academic Forgiveness form to the Registrar's Office.
- For the term approved for academic forgiveness, a not will appear on the transcript.

Discussion ensued.

An amendment was made to return to the original wording which was **one or more semesters**. A second was received.

Amendment passed unanimously.

Motion to pass the Academic Forgiveness Policy with amendment passed with one no vote.

Details may be found at the following links:

[AcademicFreedom&Standards.Report.FS.01.24.13](#)

[AcademicFreedom&Standards.Slides.FS.01.24.13](#)

E. ITCC – Donald Wunsch

Dr. Wunsch gave a response to ITCC Referral from 11/15/2012 and presented ITCC Deliberations, Resolutions.

Details may be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/itcc/2013/ITCCFacultySenateRept24Jan2013.pptx>

VI. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

No report.

VII. New Business and Announcements - none

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 15:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Bohner, Secretary