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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
June 16, 2011

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President K.M. Isaac and roll was taken.

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

Levent Acar, Baojun Bai, S.N. Balakrishnan, Jerry Bayless, Gretchen Brockfeld, Brenden Burke, W.J. Charatonik, Michael Davis, Cassie Elrod, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Wayne Huebner, K.M. Isaac, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Michael Meagher, Julia Medvedeva, Glenn Morrison, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Pericles Stavropoulos, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao

The April 21, 2011 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – K.M. Isaac

Dr. Isaac reported on the interim chancellor appointment, retirement benefits, the president search, chancellor farewell and budget.

Details can be found at the following links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/presidentreports/2011/KMIsaac.06.16.11.pptx>

A motion was made to allow Dr. Larry Gragg to present a briefing on the chancellor search. **The motion passed.**

The search committee for the chancellor search was shown and can be found at <http://chancellor.mst.edu/search/chancellorsearchcommittee.html>

The position posting was shown and can be found at <http://chancellor.mst.edu/search/jobposting.html>

There is no set timeline but the search committee will continue receiving nominations through August 24th for best consideration. Hopefully within a month the screening interviews will begin. The whole process is confidential.

Dr. Isaac summarized the degree revocation document. This document was e-mailed to the faculty senate representatives and can be found at http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/presidentreports/2011/CRR_Revoking_Degree_UM_Draft_5_06_11.pdf

Dr. Isaac asked for comments on this document, which he will refer back to the IFC.

b. Administrative Reports – Robert Schwartz for Chancellor Carney and Provost Wray

The Chancellor and Provost Wray are attending the Board of Curators meeting in Columbia.

Vice Provost Schwartz gave reports on the offices of Undergraduate Studies, Global Learning, Sponsored Programs, and Graduate Studies.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/provost/2011/DrWray.FS.Report.06.16.11.ppt>

c. Staff Council Report – J. Singleton

The 2011 Staff Day was a success.

Staff Council will be participating in a blood drive on June 30, 2011.

d. Student Council Report – no report

e. Council of Graduate Students (CGS) – no report

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – Michael Davis for Michael Schulz

Election of Standing Committees

RP&A proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A for the 2011-12 Academic Freedom and Standards, Administrative Review, Budgetary Affairs, Curricula, Facilities Planning, Honorary Degrees, Library & Learning Resources, Personnel, Parking, Security and Traffic Safety Committee, Student Affairs, and Student Scholastic Appeals.

Ballots were passed out to all of the voting members of Faculty Senate. An additional nominee (Lance Haynes) was added to the Administrative Review Committee. The results of the election are as follows:

Academic Freedom and Standards

Fikret Ercal, Bijaya Shrestha, Patrick Huber, Mark Schlesinger, and Paul Parris

Administrative Review

Mike Van De Mark and Lance Haynes

Budgetary Affairs

Bruce McMillin, Jag Sarangapani, and Bill Fahrenholtz

Curricula

Pericles Stavropoulos

Facilities Planning

Greg Gelles, Steve Corns, Kelly Homan and Ron Bieniek

Honorary Degrees

Sriram Chellappan, Yoo-Mi Chin, Suzanna Long, and Dan Stutts

Library and Learning Resources

Wei Jiang, Michael Bruening, Gearoid MacSithigh, and Alexey Yamilov

Personnel

Jay Switzer, Jennifer Leopold, and Frank Liou

Parking, Security and Traffic Safety Committee

Prakash Reddy, Chaman Sabharwal, Diana Ahmad, Robert Roe, and Don Hagen

Student Affairs

Tom Schuman, Steve Grant, Greg Gelles, Steve Raper, and Jeff Smith

Student Scholastic Appeals

Klaus Woelk, Yinfa Ma, and Matt Insall

RP&A made a motion to approve Department Chairs Council which will go into the bylaws under section Departments.

“The Department Chairs’ Council (DCC) consists of titled department chairs, including acting and interim Chairs and other officials who supervise faculty and report to the Provost. The charge of the DCC is to be a collective voice for matters relevant to the departments. The DCC, acting in accordance with the General Faculty Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Curators, is charged with helping formulate, recommend, and implement procedures relevant to departmental operations and issues which are of mutual concern to department chairs and their faculty. No statement or input from the DCC shall be construed to be representative of the faculty or its Standing Committees unless it first receives the endorsement of the Faculty Senate. The DCC considers all matters referred to it by the Board of Curators, the President of the University, the Chancellor, the Provost, the General Faculty, Faculty Senate, and individual department chairs.”

A friendly amendment was made to insert “both” before the word supervise faculty in the first sentence of the motion.

A friendly amendment was made to insert “shall consider” following The DCC in the last sentence of the motion.

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The motion with the friendly amendment changes passed unanimously.

RP&A made the following referrals:

- Referral to Personnel Committee
- Referral to Tenure Committee
- Referral to Academic Standards

RP&A is working on other motions. These will be presented to the members in the fall.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/reports/2011/RPA.slides.06.16.11.pptx>

b. Curricula Committee – Daniel Tauritz

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommends that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. This includes 7 Degree Changes (DC), 10 Course Changes (CC) and 8 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.05.04.11.pdf>
<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/2011/Curricula.Slides.05.04.11.pptx>

c. Tenure Committee – Jerry Cohen

The Tenure Committee recommended revisions be made to the Promotion and Tenure Procedures for Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty as found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/tenure/2011/Promotion_and_Tenure_06_07_11_revisions_in_red.pdf

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Committee for Effective Teaching – Scott Miller

Scott Miller presented an update on the online teaching evaluations.

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/cet/2011/CET.Spring_2011_online_evaluations_summary.06.16.11.pptx

e. ITCC – Don Wunsch

Don Wunsch gave a report on e-mail privacy, e-Learning initiatives, upgrade to MS Exchange Server 2010 and e-mail archiving.

The ITCC recommended the following motion be approved:

"The Faculty Senate recognizes that computer security problems are never guaranteed to be avoidable. Therefore we recommend that the university adopt a perspective of learning from problems rather than assigning blame. We also recommend that individuals with responsibilities for the protection of sensitive data seek the involvement of professionals to ensure that safety is provided. Furthermore, guidance to accomplish this should be provided to people with such responsibilities."

The motion passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/itcc/2011/ITCCFSReport061611.ppt>

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 15:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Davis for James Martin, Secretary