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**Volume III, Number 3
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
November 19, 2009**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Michael Schulz and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Levent Acar, Baojun Bai, S.N. Balakrishnan, Gretchen Brockfeld, Brenden Burke, Michael Davis, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Richard Hall, Lance Haynes, K.M. Isaac, Morris Kalliny, Kurt Kosbar, Ray Luechtefeld, Ronaldo Luna, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Michael Meagher, Julia Medvedeva, Scott Miller, Ilene Morgan, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Pericles Stavropoulos, Richard Stephenson, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao

The October 15, 2009 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Michael Schulz

Michael Schulz reported on the bylaw changes, computer operating system changes, proposal for a Special Program for a minor in Sustainability, improving information flow between the Senate, standing committees, and the faculty, and State and University budget issues.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/PresidentReport.11.19.09.pptx>

b. Administrative Report – Vice Provost Schwartz for Chancellor John F. Carney III

President Forsee will visit S&T on Monday, November 30. During his visit, he will conduct a town hall meeting starting at noon in St. Pat's A&B of the Havener Center.

Commencement ceremonies for the ~570 graduates will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

c. Administrative Report – Vice Provost Schwartz for Provost Wray

Vice Provost Schwartz gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, Global Studies, Graduate Studies, International Affairs, Sponsored Programs and Undergraduate Studies.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/DrWray.FS.Report.11.19.09.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Jessie Singleton for Wade Jadwin

Staff Council is sponsoring a food and toy drive for GRACE (Greater Rolla Area Community Enterprise). There are drop off points within most departments across campus. The drive will end December 7, 2009.

Staff Council will be meeting with the System Vice President for Human Resources next month to discuss benefits and compensation.

e. Student Council Report – Paul Voss

Student Council is forming a Parking Ad Hoc Committee.

The Student Activity Fee was approved and can be viewed on the Student Council website.

Paul thanked everyone for participating in the blood drive.

f. Council of Graduate Students – Suhas Narella for Ravi Akella

The Council conducted a survey about student housing. Results can be viewed on the CGS website on December 4.

Graduate Newsletter will be released in January.

CGS budget for 2010-11 was finalized and approved.

The Committee on Energy Conservation and Awareness was initiated.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/CGS.11.19.09.ppt>

III. New Business and Announcements (change in Agenda due to guest speaker needing to leave earlier than expected)

Benefits Report – Mike Paden, Associate Vice President-Benefits, UM System

Mr. Paden gave a presentation on benefit topics that was extracted from one given to the Board of Curators in August 2009. Employee contributions to the pension plan were explained and the benefit programs were compared with other (primarily Big 10, Big 12) institutions.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/misc/M.Paden.Benefits.11.19.09.ppt>

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – Greg Gelles

Greg Gelles gave a report regarding the on-going process of changes in the Bylaws.

The campus Capacity Taskforce will collect and review all pertinent data to determine whether the student population is at, below, or above the university's capacity to provide each student with a quality education. Professors Steve Raper (Student Affairs) and S. N. Balakrishnan (Personnel) were nominated by RP&A and were added to the Taskforce.

Provost Wray referred to RP&A a proposal to create a Special Program to offer a new interdisciplinary "Sustainability Minor". RP&A referred the proposal to the Curricula Committee.

A motion was made and approved by the RP&A to request that Department Chairs place reports from Faculty Senate and Standing Committee representatives on the agenda of their faculty meetings.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/gelles/RPA.Gelles.11.19.09.ppt>

b. Curricula Committee – Michael Schulz for Keith Nisbett

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommend that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. There were 3 Degree Changes (DC), 105 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 link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Curricula.11.03.09.pdf>

c. Public Occasions – David Westenberg

The Public Occasions Committee received a request from the Alumni Office to schedule homecoming for October 1-2, Friday/Saturday, 2010.

A motion to approve the Homecoming dates was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/publicoccasions/POCommittee.11.19.09.pdf>

d. ITCC – Don Wunsch

The ITCC Committee met and discussed the transition between computer operating systems and how the deployment of computers in the current Desktop Enhancement Program is being managed. Professor Wunsch reported that the ITCC Committee unanimously approved the following recommendation.

ITCC recommends that IT continues with its desktop enhancement deployment as is currently being done, provided that individual users are allowed to stay with XP if no other solution can be found for their needs. Individual consultation and open communication is encouraged

V. Old Business – None

VI. Other New Business

A comment was made regarding a need for discussion about Faculty Senate attendance at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Book, Secretary